

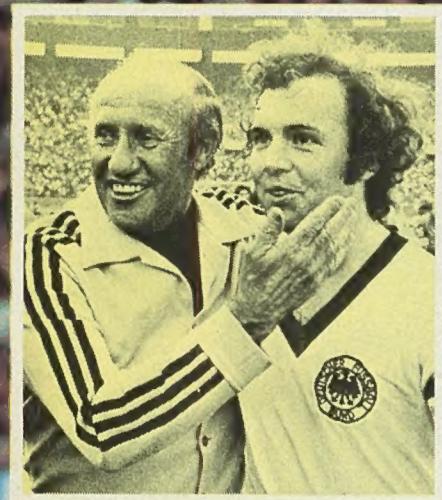
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WHOSE TEAMS
WON THE
WORLD CUP

(Profiles of nine great managers)

France's Rio (right) beats Bettega of Italy to the ball during their World Cup clash in Mar del Plata. The Italians won 2-1.



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WORLD CUP

A look at the nine managers who have won the trophy

1930
Alberto Suppici
(Uruguay)



IN THOSE days there was no talk of systems, strategy or tactics. All the manager did was to make sure his players were reasonably fit, and pick the team. Even training sessions were little more than light-hearted limbering-up. During matches there were no substitutions or tactical changes, so once the players were on the pitch the manager just sat and watched. Before Uruguay's opening World Cup match against Peru, Suppici (above) called all his players together in the dressing-room and said: "Well, boys, I've done my job, now it's up to you." The players obliged with a 4-2 win over Argentina in the Final.



Uruguayan players celebrate a goal during the 1930 Final.



1934 and 1938
Vittorio Pozzo
(Italy)

POZZO (left, first right) is the only manager to date who's led his team to victory on two occasions. He took over control of the Italian team in 1929 and continued in command until mid-1948. During his "reign", Italy played 87 internationals, winning 60, drawing 16 and losing 11. Pozzo was, if anything, a couple of decades before his time. He studied opposing teams in great detail and carried exhaustive files on just about every player in the world. Armed with copious notes, he would call his players together and explain the easiest way to break down the opposition. Pozzo's fatherly manner made him popular among the players, though beneath the paternal exterior lurked an iron will and nerves of steel. Pozzo remained unmoved even in the face of dire threats from dictator Benito Mussolini who demanded Italian victories whatever the price.



BELOW ... Italy players wave to the crowd before the Final in 1934. ABOVE ... in 1938, Italy beat Hungary 4-2.



1950
Juan Lopez
(Uruguay)

LOPEZ (above) represented Uruguay in their 1930 World Cup win, and, at the age of 41, took over as manager of the national team. By this time he had qualified as a Professor of Physical Education which, allied with his experience as a player, stood him

in good stead for a career in management. His great achievement in leading Uruguay to a shock World Cup win was to blend a motley selection of strong personalities into a formidable team that beat Brazil 2-1 in front of



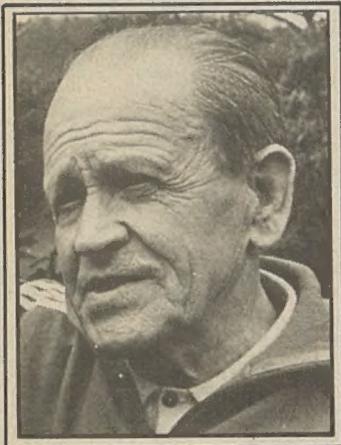
Brazil's Aramburu attempts a spectacular shot during the 1950 Final. Uruguay won 2-1.

200,000 fervent fans packed into the Maracana Stadium. Lopez was highly respected by players and public alike, and went on to play an important role in the development of Uruguayan football for more than 20 years.

WINNING MASTERMINDS

1954

Sepp Herberger (West Germany)



West Germany score one of their goals in the 3-2 defeat of Hungary in 1954.



1958

Vicente Feola (Brazil)

VICENTE Feola (right, on the left) rose to fame in Brazil mainly due to his long relationship with Sao Paulo. Feola managed the team on and off from 1937 to 1959 and led the club to two League Championships. He took over the Brazilian national team in 1957 after a disastrous performance in the South American Championship held in Lima, Peru. A year later he jubilantly led Brazil to a great win in the 1958 World Cup held in Sweden, and only illness prevented him from repeating the feat in 1962. Meanwhile, Feola had spent one year managing Boca Juniors in Argentina, but returned to Brazil in 1961 to prepare Brazil

for the 1962 World Cup to be held in Chile. But illness struck him down and it was Aymoré Moreira who led Brazil to a second consecutive win. Back in good health, Feola took sides to the 1964 Olympics and the 1966 World Cup in England, but severe criticisms of Brazil's performance forced him to resign. Vicente Feola died in Sao Paulo in 1975.

Vava is on hand to score for Brazil v. Sweden in 1958. The Brazilians won 5-2.



The talented Brazilians kept their grip on the World Cup when they won 3-1 against Czechoslovakia in Chile.



1962 Aymoré Moreira (Brazil)

MOREIRA (left) stepped into the breach for the first time when illness struck Feola in 1962. Aymoré had been an outstanding goalkeeper with America, Palestra Italiana (now SE Palmeiras) and Botafogo, setting a Brazilian record of 216 consecutive appearances. After hanging up his boots in 1946 he qualified in Physical Education and began his managerial career in 1949 with a club called Bangu in Rio de Janeiro. Three years later he moved to Santos and revolutionised the team. Thanks to this success he was put in charge of the Brazil team that competed (unsuccessfully) in the 1953 South American Championship in Lima, and subsequently managed various club sides before emergency recall to the national side in 1962. In that year Brazil played 16 matches, winning 14 and drawing two, including the World Cup triumph when they beat Czechoslovakia 3-1 in the Final.



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1966

Sir Alf Ramsey (England)

ASUCCESSFUL right-back with Tottenham Hotspur, Alf Ramsey (left) had a distinguished career with the England team, despite being involved in two historic defeats that rocked the soccer world: the 0-1 defeat by the United States in the 1950 World Cup, and the 3-6 defeat by Hungary at Wembley. As a manager Ramsey soon proved himself a skilled and conscientious worker by leading modest and unfashionable Ipswich Town to the English League title, and was named England manager shortly after the 1962 World Cup. The early results weren't encouraging (5-2 defeat against France and a 1-0 defeat by Scotland) and England made an indifferent showing in the Nations Cup in 1964. But at that stage Ramsey began to build a side with the 1966 World Cup in mind. Faced with a lack of



top-class wingers, he devised a tactical plan that did without them, and blended a number of modest individuals into a world-beating side. After England's spectacular success in 1966 came disappointments in the 1970 World Cup and the 1972 European Championship, and when England failed to qualify for the 1974 World Cup, Ramsey was dismissed.

Geoff Hurst (below, right) falls to the ground after scoring England's third controversial goal v. West Germany in 1966 at Wembley.



1974

Helmut Schoen (West Germany)

AS a player Helmut Schoen (below, right) had the honour of scoring 17 goals for the national team in 16 appearances, but his greatest contribution has undoubtedly been as the team's manager. Schoen gained invaluable experience working as Sepp Herberger's assistant from 1956 to 1964, and when the Old Master left the national team in '64

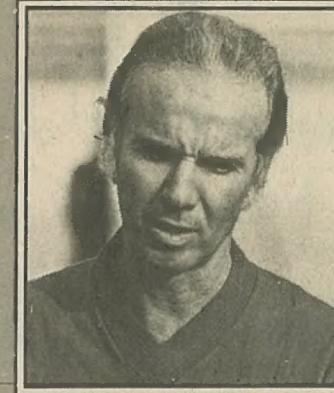
he had no doubt in naming Schoen as his successor. Taking over from the legendary Herberger was no easy job, and Schoen's early days were tough ones. But the critics were silenced when he took West Germany to the World Cup Final in 1974; to third place in Mexico in 1970; and to a glorious win in the 1972 European Championship. Schoen's crowning achievement

was West Germany's gutsy 2-1 win over Holland to take the 1974 World Cup. It's a tribute to Schoen's fine management that West Germany have been widely tipped to win the 1978 World Cup despite losing many world-class players. Whatever the result in Argentina, Schoen has announced his intention to retire once the World Cup is over.



1970 Mario Zagalo (Brazil)

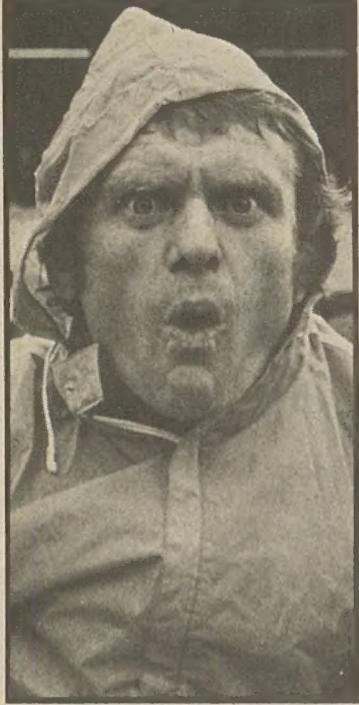
ASA player, Mario Zagalo (right) had been a member of the World Cup-winning sides of 1958 and 1962. And as a manager Zagalo had managed to land five domestic trophies in three seasons. So in 1970, when the Brazilian CBD decided to dismiss Joao Saldanha, Zagalo was the natural choice to take over as national team manager, even though many critics didn't rate him as an outstanding manager. But in Mexico Brazil emerged as triumphant World Champions, playing some of the best attacking football the world has ever seen. Zagalo again led Brazil in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany, but



many of the 1970 stars had disappeared and Brazil's fourth place was a flattering result for some uninspired defence-minded football. Zagalo's dismissal was only a matter of time.

Brazil won the original Jules Rimet Cup outright when they defeated Italy 4-1 in the 1970 Final in Mexico.





The Bayern Munich and West Germany goalkeeper found a novel way of letting the world know his record-breaking feat. He became the Bundesliga appearance record-holder when he played his 409th match (below) and beat the previous best set by Wolfgang Overath. (Right): Where have all the balls gone? Ask the jumbo-sized goalie!



SEPP "HERR CRAZY" MAIER!

Even di Stefano has to admit West Germany's veteran goalkeeper Sepp Maier is a "character". On the pitch, Maier looks permanently surprised to find himself between the posts. But that hasn't stopped him pulling off some superb saves at the highest international level nor from becoming a World Champion with Helmut Schön's outstanding side.

It's off the pitch the Maier character comes to the fore. And over the years the photographs have mounted up in the SHOOT office.

Sepp with a mud-pack on his face in a beauty clinic; Sepp imitating the man/monkey "missing link" in a museum; Sepp with windscreen wipers on a huge pair of glasses; Sepp practising ballet movements... in a swimming pool. In fact the German's "craziness" is only rivalled by Argentina's Hugo "Loco" Gatti who, by coincidence, is also a goalkeeper.

Fortunately, Sepp Maier doesn't mind in the least if we laugh at his absurd photos.

"Why not?" he asks. "Laughing never hurt anybody, and I certainly like a good joke. Do I mind looking ridiculous? No, of course not. Maybe I'm naturally ridiculous! I just enjoy doing off-beat things and I don't worry too much about what other people think."

"Mind you, I'm not always the instigator of all these photos. I mean, quite a few were the ideas of photographers, but I like a good laugh and was happy to go along with them. Wait a minute, though. I don't want to give your readers the idea I'm always a clown. I mean, no one could accuse me of clowning around during a match."

THE legendary Real Madrid striker Alfredo di Stefano loves to talk football. A while back he told SHOOT "You know what's missing in football today? Characters! Modern training methods and touchy managers and directors are stifling the personalities of our young players. They're taught to toe the line, keep their mouths shut and be 'good boys'. The result is dull players and dull football."



LEFT . . . Elton Maier. Sepp tries on a pair of glasses with windscreen wipers similar to those of pop star Elton John.
RIGHT . . . the international 'keeper is used to balls coming at him — but not quite so many as this!



A CONTROVERSIAL subject that regularly surfaces in football is whether television is harming the game. One "anti" argument is too much coverage deters fans from making the effort to go along to matches. Another is the TV companies get the screening rights too cheaply.

But there can be no doubt the television coverage being given to the World Cup Finals in Argentina is doing the game nothing but good.

Millions of people all over the world are, thanks to satellites, having the very finest brand of international football beamed into their homes. It's a marvellous advert for soccer, and could stimulate our gates next season.

For there is nothing like actually being present at a game, seeing it all happen without being edited down to "highlights", savouring the atmosphere and cheering on



your favourite team.

The people I feel some sympathy for at the moment are those who genuinely have no liking for the game, and because both major channels are focussed on the World Cup, often have no choice but to switch off their sets.

In the main, I believe television has benefited Britain, giving fans who have been deprived of the opportunity — through working "unsocial" hours, illness, or living too far from a ground — to enjoy the sight of our top League sides in action.

But the TV companies are getting the best of the bargain. For them, it's one of the cheapest forms of entertainment. Most other hour-long programmes cost a lot more to stage.

They also receive revenue from foreign stations for recordings, and even in some cases for "live" broadcasts. In several continental countries — Norway, for example — viewers watch one of our Football League games as it is

actually being played.

There's the strong likelihood in the future clubs will earn more out of sponsorship, with the names of products large and clear on team shirts. At present, one TV company insists names are kept small.

I can also envisage a relaxation of the restriction on the number of matches allowed to be shown "live". At present, apart from World Cup matches, British audiences are only permitted to see F.A. Cup Finals, the England v. Scotland climax to the British Championship, and the occasional international, such as Italy v. England last November, when Wembley reported a "sell-out" of seats.

I imagine the main objection at present is live presentation of a big match could hit attendances at other games played simultaneously. This can be surely overcome by rearranging fixtures so they don't clash, or by "blanking out" transmissions in certain



'TV BRINGS A NEW DIMENSION'

RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer



'Panels of experts — a regular feature'

'A small screen memory — Real Madrid v. Eintracht Frankfurt'



areas of the country.

Opponents of soccer on the small screen say it enables teams to discover too much about opponents: tactics such as set-piece moves and penalty techniques.

Being a 'keeper, I suppose I do get a slight advantage through studying how someone takes a penalty, but I maintain that even if I know where the ball is going to be placed, I'm unlikely to make a save if it's struck correctly.

Many footballers seldom see the BBC programme on Saturday nights because they're either travelling back from an away game or going out for a meal with friends. Saturday night is the night of the week when we relax. Generally the only reason for reporting in to the club on a Sunday is for treatment to a bad injury.

From a playing angle, TV is a mixed blessing. You're watched by an audience multiplied many times over by the crowd figure. Great if you have a good game. Not so good if it's a nightmare.

Referees are the ones for whom I feel sorry. Action replays can pinpoint any mistakes. No allowance is made for the fact they have to make instant decisions in a fast-moving, high-tension situation.

And cameras can lie. One appeared to show referee Pat Partridge was wrong to award a penalty-kick against Liverpool in our League Cup Final replay at Old Trafford. Forest's John O'Hare being outside the "box" when brought down by Phil Thompson.

But the camera was positioned at the centre-line, whereas to give a true picture without distortion it would have had to be level with the players to provide conclusive proof of where the incident actually happened.

One innovation in American football is the erection of huge screens on which action is played back immediately after it happens. I doubt if the idea will catch on here, simply because clubs who could afford them lack the space

to install them.

At Anfield, we still can't find room for an electronic scoreboard.

A regular feature on TV are the panels, introduced for the 1970 World Cup, where a team of experts comment on and discuss events.

They irritate some people, but in my experience a lot of sense is talked. I suppose it all depends really on the actual make-up of a panel.

My former team-mate Kevin Keegan has been part of ITV's World Cup panel, while I've been making my debut in the job thousands of miles away, in Australia.

Becoming a full-time TV commentator after I pack up playing is something that appeals to me.

Goals Galore

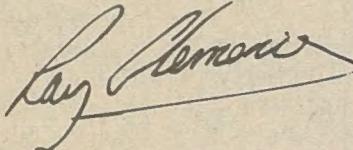
I'm encouraged by my performances so far — luckily I don't get nervous in front of the cameras — and there's the precedent of Bob Wilson, the former Arsenal goalkeeper, who appears on BBC's "Football Focus".

Through TV, many fans have been given their most treasured soccer memories. Liverpool's two successive European Cup wins for instance.

For me, the match that kept my eyes glued to the screen was an earlier European Cup Final, between Real Madrid and Eintracht Frankfurt, at Hampden in 1960.

That match had everything. Non-stop action — legendary stars, such as Puskas and di Stefano, displaying their magical skills — and goals galore. 7-3 to Real!

Yes, TV has added a new dimension to the game.



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This week's Star Letter comes from Miss S. Small of Bexley, Kent, who wins our special Prize of £3. She writes:

MACLEOD IS AT FAULT

SCOTLAND'S failure to succeed at the top level came as no surprise to me. Their approach was completely wrong.

I believe the whole party should have slipped quietly out of the country without the ballyhoo of helicopters and fans inside Hampden Park.

Once in South America, Ally MacLeod seemed to lose control of his players.

The results on the park were nothing short of disastrous. A win against Holland and a defeat by Peru and a draw against Iran seem to point to the fact the Scotland boss should have had the opposition watched. He failed to do his homework.

I know people will have sympathy with MacLeod, but surely he must take the blame. After all, he was quick to accept the glory when the Scots qualified for Argentina.

Sorry, Scotland, but you were made to look a second-rate side.

● I must admit I was very disappointed with Scotland. I honestly thought they would do Britain proud. Alas, they showed their true colours too late.

Pen-Pal

AM a 14-year-old boy from Norway. I'd like to have a pen-pal living in Great Britain who supports a First Division club.

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5030 LANDAS,
NORWAY.

'Sir' Paisley

I WAS absolutely flabbergasted to read that once again Bob Paisley had not been knighted in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Alf Ramsey became a Sir after guiding England to World Cup success in 1966 and Matt Busby received the same honour when Manchester United captured the European Cup in 1968.

Surely Paisley has done more for British football with his consecutive European Cup triumphs and deserves the ultimate accolade of being knighted.

E. J. OTTWAY,
WANDSWORTH.

● I thought Paisley was unfortunate not to get another honour to go with his O.B.E. He has done so much for British football.

Tame Animals

I WAS disgusted when I recently read in a national newspaper an article headlined: "The animals' den".

It was focussed on this year's World Cup, and in particular the temperament of the Argentina side.

During the 1966 World Cup Finals, Sir Alf Ramsey criticised them, saying they were animals.

But, after watching the Argentina v. Hungary match recently I thought they were a very skilful side even if they still have a few "physical" players.

DAVID HEPPEL,
TYNE-and-WEAR.

● I agree with you 100 per cent, David. I've now seen several Argentina games and they've shown they can produce excellent skills without an emphasis on tough tackling.

Dreaming Jordan

IN a national newspaper, dated June 3rd, Scotland's Joe Jordan claimed: "I've even had a dream that we beat Peru by two clear goals."

Upon reading this, my parents became convinced that Peru would be the team to win by two clear goals.

After the South Americans had won by 3-1, I asked them why they



said this and my mother replied: "An old wife's tale says that if ever a dream is talked about before the event takes place then the opposite would happen."

I hope Manchester United take note and stop Joe talking about his dreams in future!

SANDRA GREEN,
BRISTOL.

● Joe (above) probably dreads going to sleep now!



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You should try it.

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BRITISH FANS CAN LEARN FROM ARGENTINIANS

CHRIS DAVIES, OUR MAN AT THE WORLD CUP FINALS, GIVES HIS IMPRESSIONS OF SOUTH AMERICAN SUPPORTERS.

BILL Shankly, the former Liverpool manager, once said: "Football is not a matter of life or death — it's more important than that." And the football-crazy fans in Argentina share the same opinion.

Football in South America is so much more than a sport. The blind devotion to the game makes European supporters seem almost indifferent . . . yes, even those members of the Tartan Army of Scotland.

Watching football in Argentina is an unforgettable experience and I find it ironic the word "animals" is one we associate with the Argentinians when in many ways our fans back home could benefit from a few lessons from them.

It was a moving moment when a hush fell over the superb River Plate Stadium at Argentina's opening World Cup tie against

Hungary. As the band began to play the Argentine National Anthem, the 80,000 supporters were immediately silent. For me, being used to whistling and chanting through "God Save The Queen", it was a refreshing contrast to the attitude of British soccer followers.

The fans were also silent through the Hungarian Anthem and even applauded at the end as a mark of respect. When I commented to an Argentine journalist how unusual this was for me, he merely commented "Only British fans show no respect for other countries."

The noise in the stadium when Argentina play is a mixture of emotion, nationalism and a love for soccer that is difficult to explain.

That is probably the key. In South

America, the "Hinchas" — the fans — have a genuine love for the game that too many people who visit Football League matches, in particular, don't share.

Even accepting Argentina is controlled by a military government — which makes stepping out of line a dangerous occupation — people in general have more respect for each other.

Yes, there is trouble at times, but certainly not on the scale we at home are used to. You can virtually guarantee a fair quota of arrests in the Football League each week — plus the misbehaviour that goes unchecked. Yet in Argentina high spirits rarely get out of hand and escalate into violence.

Every Argentina victory is greeted by a huge, noisy party. In the streets of Buenos Aires delirious fans drive around the city sounding horns, singing, chanting, waving blue and white flags.

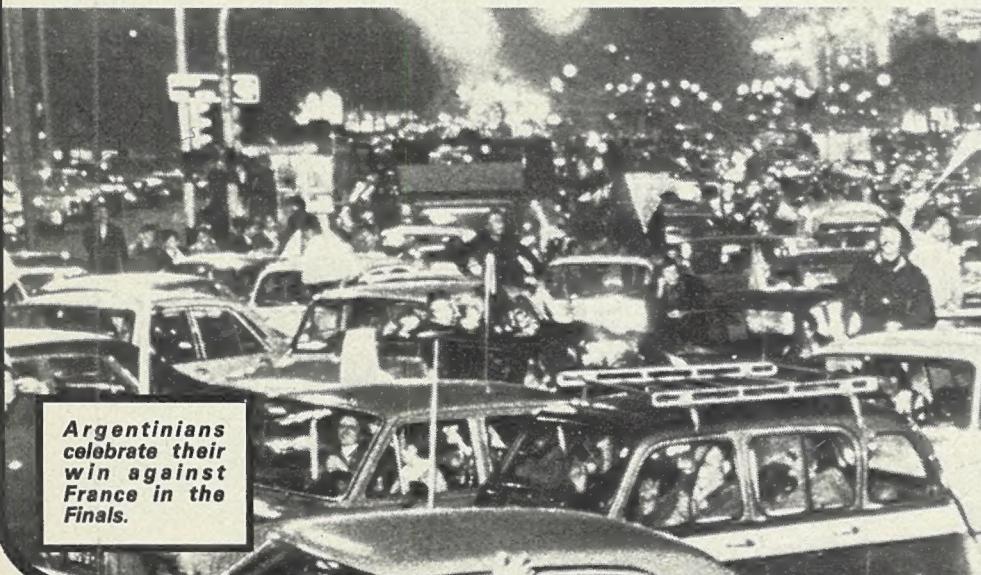
Nobody sleeps before 3 a.m., but then nobody wants to stop celebrating.

Supporters, seeing I was a foreigner, were eager to befriend me. Somewhat to my surprise — and delight, of course — for soccer relationships between Britain and Argentina haven't exactly been the best since Sir Alf Ramsey lit the fuse with his unfortunate remark during the 1966 World Cup.

"The Argentines played like animals" will rankle as long as football is played.

The people there don't see their players or fans as "animals" and when they point out the hypocrisy of it all — our own domestic violence is gladly reported more and more over there — it's difficult to put up an argument.

My own opinion of Argentina, after covering the World Cup, is the trophy really belongs in South America, if not for the football, for the fans. Never have I experienced a love for the game comparable in Europe.



Argentinians celebrate their win against France in the Finals.



Curtain up on **THE BIG SHOW**

THE 11th World Cup Finals kicked-off on June 1st and as usual the opening ceremony was a spectacular occasion. The First Round ties produced some shocks and surprises and here the SHOOT photographers bring some of the action from Argentina.



TOP OF PAGE . . . A pity the first game did not live up to the gals that preceded it. Holders West Germany (Klaus Fischer goes close) and Poland fought a very tame 0-0 draw. **ABOVE . . .** Sweden captain Nordqvist blocks a shot from Brazil's Gil during the 1-1 draw.



ABOVE, LEFT . . . Michel Platini had a great game against Argentina and scored France's goal. Unfortunately for both, the South Americans matched the tremendous performance of the French and with a bit of luck qualified for the Second Round with a 2-1 win.

ABOVE, RIGHT . . . Henri Michel was another French player who impressed during the Finals. Here, Romeo Benetti (left) robs the talented star. Italy eventually won 2-1.

LEFT . . . Nelinho appeared as a substitute for Brazil in the Sweden match. He replaced Gil.

BELOW . . . Although not very impressive against the Swedes, Brazil's Reinaldo scored an opportunist goal when he gave goalkeeper Ronnie Hellstrom no chance from close range.

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SHOOT looks at next season's Second Division and the teams likely to be involved in the promotion race.



The battle for three places in the First — HARDER THAN EVER!

THE race for honours in the Second Division next season promises to be one of the closest and most exciting of all time.

The section looks absolutely wide open and we expect no repeat of last season, when it turned into a four-horse race long before the end.

This time there are around ten teams capable of having a big say in the promotion race. And if they all play to their full potential it should produce an enthralling battle — and provide the fans with some great entertainment.

Brighton are many people's favourites to lead the race. Understandable — perhaps — when you consider they were agonisingly pipped on goal difference last season.

Ambitious manager Alan Mullery has some fine players at the Goldstone Ground. And he has the money to buy anyone he feels will strengthen his squad.

Most Brighton fans feel promotion next May is little more than a formality, after going so close last time. But keeper Eric Steele is quick to point out the dangers of that kind of thinking.

"Just because we missed out so narrowly last season does not mean we will automatically

make it next time. That's a foolish assumption to make," says Steele.

"I think the Second Division will be a lot harder to get out of next season. For several teams in it made progress during the season and will obviously prove formidable opponents."

Sunderland and Crystal Palace clearly fall into that category and we expect them to feature prominently in the race.

Adjust

The Roker Park club, relegated from the First Division the previous year, took some time to adjust to their new surroundings and hardly set the world alight for the first few months.

But when they finally settled and found their true form they put together a string of results that carried them to the fringe of the promotion race.

And Palace will kick-off with some of the best youngsters in the country in their side.

The Selhurst Park club have won the F.A. Youth Cup for the past two seasons and most of the lads who carried them to those successes have now emerged as fully-fledged first team players.

Among them are striker Vince Hilaire, powerful defen-



Leicester City's Steve Kember beats Leeds' Tony Currie to the ball during a League clash last term.

der Billy Gilbert and midfield man Terry Fenwick — all members of last season's England Youth team.

Fulham, too, have a fine crop of youngsters. But it's probably too early to expect a serious challenge from them — particularly with rumblings of discontent still coming from the boardroom.

Blackburn's fine form caused a few raised eyebrows and kept

them in the promotion race for a long time. Then they lost manager Jim Smith, to Birmingham, and their bid fizzled out.

And don't be surprised if their Lancashire neighbours Burnley make a big challenge. The form they showed at the end of last season, when they pulled well clear of the relegation zone, suggests they can be a real threat.

What about the teams rele-

The big thing is for us to do what Tottenham did and get straight back into the First Division. To do that it's essential we get a good start, to fill us all with confidence. Billy Bonds (West Ham)

gated from the First Division — West Ham, Newcastle and Leicester?

The bookies obviously fancy them all, for they have placed them among the favourites. But we are not so sure.

Newcastle and Leicester clearly have a lot of rebuilding to do and they could need at least one season in the Second Division to sort things out.

Bill McGarry has already started the job at St. James' Park, drastically re-shaping the side. Yet Newcastle showed little in the closing weeks of last

what Tottenham did and get straight back into the First Division. To do that it's essential we get a good start, to fill us all with confidence.

"I have not played in the Second since I left Charlton in 1967. But I've had a word with Andy Nelson, current boss at The Valley, and his coach Harry Cripps.

"They have told me a lot about it. And my team-mate Pop Robson played in it when he left us for a brief spell at Sunderland a few years ago.

"All the advice we receive is a



Crystal Palace (light shirt) should do well in 1978-79.

season to suggest they will make an immediate impact.

Leicester pulled off one of the coups of the summer when they persuaded Jock Wallace to leave Glasgow Rangers and take over at Filbert Street.

It's a tremendous appointment, for big Jock has a magnificent record with Rangers. Yet even he can't work miracles and we'll be surprised if he transforms the side in time to make them a promotion outfit.

Fine form

Of the three West Ham look the best bet to bounce straight back. They have the most settled side, and showed remarkably fine form towards the end of last season.

Yet the run of fine results they produced came too late to save them and The Hammers slipped out from the First Division after a 20 year stay.

Popular skipper Billy Bonds took the relegation philosophically. "We can't really complain, because we have struggled for a few years now. And if you keep playing with fire you will eventually get burned," he said.

"The big thing is for us to do

great help. But in the final reckoning it will be what we do on the pitch that counts. So we must just make sure we go out and do the job properly."

West Ham's chances of promotion in one season were recently given a tremendous boost by Trevor Brooking's decision to stay at the club.

Wrexham, newly-promoted from the Third Division, have the class and style to do well. But we don't expect too much from Preston and Cambridge — who came up with them.

Cardiff, strugglers for the past two seasons, look set for another hard time. But Orient should do better — providing they abandon the tactics that have earned them the tag "Most defensive team in the country" and become more positive.

So it looks like being a cracking season in the Second Division. And fans in the South-East are in for a special treat.

For with West Ham, Palace, Orient, Fulham, Charlton, Millwall, Luton and Brighton in the area they are in for a glut of derby games.

As former Fulham chairman Tommy Trinder would say "You lucky people."

DUTCH DOUBLES

THEY'RE a television commentator's nightmare ... but they're also soccer's most famous twins. Rene and Willy van der Kerkhof of PSV and Holland. Born on September 16th, 1951, in Helmond. It is perhaps, unfortunate that recognition of their individual abilities is often overshadowed by the fact they are so alike physically. Also, as you will see from this interview, they are two of football's nice guys.

RENE: It isn't often we both have a bad match. If, afterwards, reporters are waiting to ask my why I had played below standard, I stand by my brother, comb my hair in exactly the same way — then, no one knows which of us to question.

WILLY: This is a serious interview, Rene.

RENE: Okay, but I must start the article because I'm bigger than you.

WILLY: Oh, not that big brother bit again. I'm the elder. I beat you by

only played well at home, when she watched us.

WILLY: I don't go along with that theory. We've proved the opposite many times in foreign countries. Any team, not a side with twins in it, has a lower standard away.

RENE: Our biggest disappointment was losing the 1974 World Cup Final to West Germany. We were too over-confident. I cried a lot that day. We were the best team of the tournament but couldn't prove it.

WILLY: Still, it's been nice to hear



The van der Kerkhof twins. Willy (left) and Rene (right).

50 minutes — remember? I was the first to arrive. Don't tell me you can't recall that?

RENE: Oh, I remember the date. We celebrate it each year. However, the actual moment is a little too long ago to remember.

WILLY: Rene is always like this, laughing and joking. Our relationship is perfect, not just as twins and brothers, but close friends. We are together in everything — not just football. Tennis, billiards, and ...

RENE: Well, go on, say it. Poker. He doesn't want to tell people about playing cards because I win all the time.

WILLY: But in tennis ...

RENE: In billiards we always draw.

WILLY: In football I'm ahead of you.

RENE: Actually I didn't like football as a boy. We began playing in the same team when we were about eight. Willy had great ball control, but I had the speed. That was why they included me. Willy was the thinker and I was the runner. Oh, and the goalscorer. This hasn't changed. Our mother came along to support us for home games.

WILLY: They called her the good woman. It's hard to translate exactly, but you'll understand.

RENE: She died in January, 1977, and it was the saddest day of our lives. Mum was our number one fan. We were always very close to her. This made people think we

of all the good things people have said about Dutch soccer in recent years. Johan Cruyff did a lot for us.

RENE: He was a world superstar, like Pele and Beckenbauer. There are none now, except perhaps Luque, of Argentina.

WILLY: I'd like to say how different the country of Argentina was from how I'd imagined. It's a shame such a strong campaign was conducted against it. Now, I see it was all pointless and untrue. I found it a charming place. The only thing I missed to make me completely happy was my family — my wife Antonie and three daughters, Emanuelle, Lillian and Joys.

RENE: See? Three daughters. That won't continue the family tradition, Willy. At least I have a son, Raimond. Poor old Willy. He would love to have a midfield player for the next generation of the Dutch national team. Anyway, I'm the happiest uncle in the world with three lovely nieces.

WILLY: Yes, I'm a happy uncle too. I'll have to teach Raimond to play football. I can't leave that to dad.

RENE: In Holland, we can get away from football because we own a restaurant. Our lives are split between football and the business. We go there just to supervise ... help out in any way we can. There is never any problem of jealousy or one-upmanship between us.

WILLY: ... yes, but your son will learn to play football thanks to his uncle.

ARE ENGLAND WORTHY

SHOOT asked four top stars to comment on last season's Home International Tournament...

'SCOTLAND BETTER THAN ENGLAND'

I THOUGHT Scotland were the better side against England at Hampden. Their only problem was scoring goals, as we again found out by watching their performances in the World Cup Finals.

For England, I thought Dave Watson was in brilliant form, and his contribution had a lot to do with his country finishing on top. His tackling, and his reading of the game against Scotland were first-class, and taking all the matches into consideration, I believe England deserved to win the Championship — and they played more convincingly against us than Scotland did.

I wasn't too impressed with the form of Wales against Northern Ireland, though Carl Harris was outstanding for them, and he had similar fine matches throughout the tournament. But to me, Northern Ireland were unlucky not to get a better result against Wales, and we did exceptionally well against Scotland, considering the fact we had so few First Division players in our line-up.

And I got a tremendous thrill in playing for my country at Hampden, and in being selected in the



JIM PLATT
(Middlesbrough and
Northern Ireland)

first place — it's a stimulating experience for any player and the sort that lives in the memory.

There was plenty of excitement in the British Championship, and although none of the competing teams would be entirely satisfied with their performances, that is only natural. From a personal point of view, I enjoyed the games and the whole atmosphere of the tournament.

'WHOLEHEARTED NORTHERN IRELAND'

ALTHOUGH Scotland finished in third place in this year's tournament I certainly didn't expect them to perform so badly in Argentina. But I haven't been asked to comment on the World Cup Finals? I must try and concentrate on the British Championship and nothing else.

Against England, in spite of the tremendous pressure Scotland applied, they were unable to find the net, with Asa Hartford missing one particularly good chance. But full credit to England for containing the Scots as they did and then scoring the winner. In front of such a passionate, hostile crowd the pressure on England was enormous. I thought David Watson had a magnificent game. Definitely man-of-the-match.

And taking the tournament as a whole, England were worthy Champions. Let's not forget Wales and Northern Ireland, though. They deserve their share of praise for their all-out efforts against England and Scotland.

To me, Wales are always a side who play well in these matches, and they fully deserved their draw against Scotland, even making allowances for the own-goal scored by Willie Donachie which made the score 1-1 just before the end.

For Wales, Terry Yorath was in tremendous form, and once again he proved he is a great leader, always in the thick of things and inspiring his team. Another Welsh-



JOHN RICHARDS
(Wolves and England)

man who made his mark was Brian Flynn, and Wales earned their second place spot in the final table.

And Northern Ireland put on such a fighting display against Scotland the Scots never achieved any real rhythm in their game. Even Ally MacLeod admitted after the match "the Irish lads gave 200 per cent".

This comment adequately sums up the wholehearted team-work Danny Blanchflower's men showed throughout the tournament.



Striker Joe Jordan (right) gets the better of England defender Dave Watson. The Manchester City striker was in tremendous form.



CHAMPIONS OF BRITAIN?

'RON GREENWOOD BUILDING A TEAM TO RECKON WITH'

THE PLAYER of the tournament, in my estimation, was Carl Harris of Wales. Against England, he gave a very good performance in a match which England won by reason of the two brilliant goals they got late on. But up to that point, Wales had definitely held their own, and when Phil Dwyer equalised for us in the second-half were very much in the game.

Then the goals by Tony Currie and Peter Barnes put England in front again and kept them there. Incidentally, I thought the players who stood out most for them were Ray Wilkins and Barnes — they should both do well for England in future.

In fact, I believe Ron Greenwood is building a good side, and by the time the European Championship comes along next season, England could be a team to reckon with. They will probably achieve the blend of team-work and individual play they seem be aiming for — they are heading in the right direction.

About my own team, Wales. We finished in second place, but I was hoping we could have improved on our performances in the Championship. Overall, I felt that we didn't play all that well.

For Northern Ireland, their goalkeeper Jim Platt made some great saves. He was the man in their side who was in top form, and he dealt



TERRY YORATH
(Coventry and Wales)

capably with some very difficult situations. And all this followed a spell with his own club, Middlesbrough, when he had been left out of their League side.

As for Scotland? Well, the pressure on them to go out to Argentina as British Champions was tremendous. More so with all their matches at Hampden.

Two Scots stood out for me, Joe Jordan and Stuart Kennedy. Joe works all the time for his teammates but didn't get the service he deserved. One reason for Scotland's disastrous World Cup Finals.

Right-back Kennedy is a fine prospect — quick, alert and likes to move forward.

'WALES OUT OF LUCK AGAINST ENGLAND'

I'M glad you didn't ask me to mention Scotland's World Cup performances. Like most people North of the border I'm still stunned by their failure in Argentina.

In the British Championship, Tom Forsyth — one of the few bright spots for Scotland in the World Cup Finals — showed up very well in defence.

Scotland's midfield included players such as Asa Hartford, Archie Gemmill, Bruce Rioch, Don Masson and Graeme Souness — which made it terribly difficult to make a choice from them that would please everybody at Hampden. And with Kenny Dalglish and Joe Jordan up-front, with their tremendous ability, the position of third for the Scots was just not a true reflection of their strength.

About England, I believe they have built up a team hard to beat — and Dave Watson was a star performer at the heart of the English defence during the tournament. And he had to be good against Joe Jordan, whose hustle and bustle can unsettle and frighten some defences.

Here again there were selection problems for Scotland, as to who to choose between Jordan and Derek Johnstone. I am a great admirer of Derek's all-round ability, and particularly his goal-getting flair.

Then, for Wales, there was some fine football from Carl Harris, and in their match with England, Wales were out of luck. With Harris an



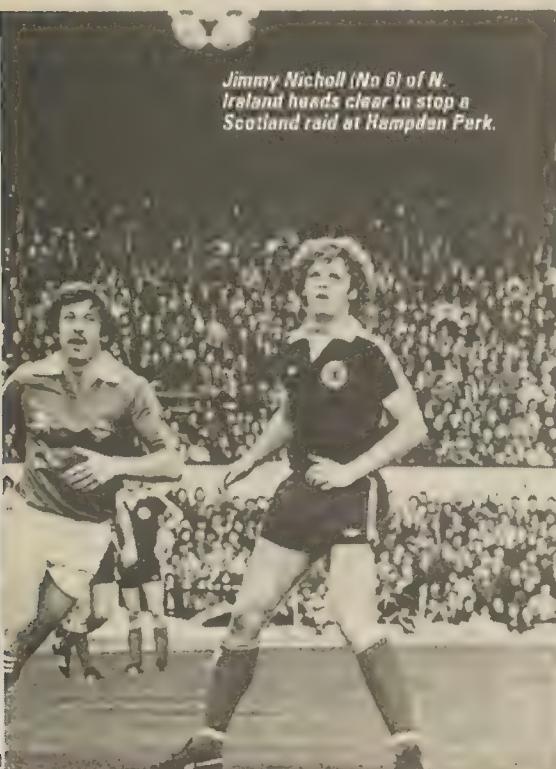
TOM McADAM
(Celtic)

inspiration to them, they looked for a long time like holding England to a draw — at the very least. But England got two well-taken goals that gave them a win, though it didn't alter my opinion Wales demonstrated skill and heart in their matches.

So there it was, Scotland didn't manage their third successive British Championship success but their potential was enough to get us all excited about their chances in Argentina. Overall I suppose England just about deserved to win the title.

Northern Ireland and Wales also gave determined and spirited performances right through.

Jimmy Nicholl (No 6) of N. Ireland heads clear to stop a Scotland raid at Hampden Park.



Wales striker Phil Dwyer (No 10) in an aerial clash with Peter Shilton the England goalkeeper at Ninian Park.



Week Ending FEBRUARY 4 . . .

"CLUB" FOR SALE

THE week starts grimly — with Cardiff City up for sale! Every player on their books is made available for transfer — and, unless they can somehow raise £200,000 very quickly, the club could even go out of existence. Says secretary Lance Hayward: "We're losing £5,000 a week and only drastic measures, while there's still time, can give us any real hope of survival."

Another club in trouble is Leicester, rooted at the bottom of the First Division, and just dumped out of the F.A. Cup by Third Division Walsall. Sidney Needham utters the now-traditional chairman's words: "Frank McLintock is definitely staying — the last thing we are thinking of is a change of manager."

Forget the big names for a moment. The "unknown" making the news is 19-year-old Paul Randall. Only five months ago he was serving fish-fingers in a supermarket. Now, after 11 goals in only 16 first-team games, the brilliant Bristol Rovers' youngster is a real hot-property wanted by nearly half of the First Division.

Slushy, treacherous conditions bring a crop of goals in midweek F.A. Cup ties. And there are 19 in three London games — Chelsea beating Burnley 6-2, Q.P.R. hammering West Ham 6-1, and Millwall hitting Luton 4-0.

But Manchester doesn't fare so well. Cup-holders United fall to West Bromwich, while fearsome Forest put out City.

The Fifth Round draw has one nostalgic note for older fans with long memories. Arsenal are paired with Walsall — who, back in 1933, provided one of the great Cup "giantkillings" of all time by beating The Gunners when they were probably the most powerful club-side in the world. But the bookies — making Arsenal 7-to-2 favourites —

clearly don't figure on history repeating itself!

Like the Mounties, Manchester United are determined to get their man — and soccer's Star Wars break out again as Dave Sexton ups his bid to a staggering £440,000 to try and prise out Gordon McQueen from a reluctant Leeds.

Bad weather again wrecks the weekend — and the Pools Panel have to "play" 21 of the League games in England. One they don't is Forest's 2-0 win over Wolves — which now sees Clough's lads six points clear at the top of the League, in the Semi-Final of the League Cup, and the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup.

Not so happy with life is an embarrassed Malcolm Macdonald. "Supermac", on tap at Highbury to power home Arsenal's goals into the Villa net, instead puts one in his own — for the only goal of the game to dent the Gunners' already fading hopes of catching Forest. And to add to Forest's joy, Liverpool unexpectedly go down at Coventry — where even ace penalty-taker Phil Neal for once misses out, and a wonder-display by goalkeeper Jim Blyth does the rest.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Blackpool.

TOTAL GOALS: 59.

HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Hatton (4) (Blackpool v. Blackburn).

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Forest; Div 2,

Spurs; Div 3, Tranmere; Div 4, Watford.

HIGHEST GATE: 33,677 — Everton v.

Leicester.

TOTAL GATE: 285,883.

AVERAGE GATE: 12,429.

WEATHER KNOCK-OUT

THE winter frosts bite hard again, but Rangers beat the cold and Clydebank at Ibrox to increase their lead at the top of the Premier Division.

Surprise, surprise, the only goal of the game comes from Derek Johnstone, who finally beats Bankies' goalkeeper Jim Gallagher, in brilliant form again, eight minutes from time.

Gallagher's performance proves he is undoubtedly one of the most underrated players in the land. "Better than Alan Rough," says Bankies' boss Bill Munro. "If he played for any other side than Clydebank, he would be a cert for Scotland."

Queen's Park beat non-League Vale of Leithen in the Scottish Cup, but the weather ko's seven games, including Celtic v Hibs. And Celtic have further worries with Danny McGrain who still seems to be making no progress with

his ankle injury. Sweeper Pat Stanton however takes part in a bounce game at training.

Rangers' Gordon Smith is called into the Under-21 side v Wales at Chester as the over-age player to continue his amazing season.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: Rangers v. Clydebank 18,000.

PREMIER DIVISION TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 40,000.

TOTAL GOALS (3 DIVS): 23

TABLE TOPPERS: Rangers.

HIGHEST SCORE: (4) Cowdenbeath



LEFT ... Paul Randall (Bristol Rovers). ABOVE ... Jim Gallagher (Clydebank).

Week Ending FEBRUARY 11 . . .

CHARLIE REJECTS ENGLAND 'B'

DU^E to the weather, live-action soccer is more than a bit curtailed — but, thankfully for the sporting headline-writers, the McQueen saga keeps in the news. Now Spurs, banking on a quick return to the First Division, outbid Manchester United with a £450,000 offer. Says manager Keith Burkinshaw: "We're hell-bent for success for Spurs again soon, and I see Gordon as a key feature in our plans."

One top-liner not so likely to move, though, is First Division top-scorer Bob Latchford. After ironing-out pay-problems with Everton, he seems all set to sign a new four-year contract.

Not every game, happily, is weather-bound — though a couple of "giant killer-ed" clubs probably wish they had been! In the F.A. Cup, the Blyth spirit of the doughty non-Leaguers proves too much on Stoke's ground — while the replay of Wrexham, the soccer Princes of Wales, sees Newcastle handed an embarrassingly easy 4-1 trouncing. Now, ironically, the two winners are paired in the next round.

Then come the first-legs of the League Cup Semi-Finals — and Arsenal's mere 1-2 deficit at Anfield must give them a fair chance when Liverpool come down to Highbury for the return.

But what can you say about Forest? Now, without their Cup-tied stars, they take a commanding 3-1 first-leg lead away at Leeds — and must surely be odds-on for a Wembley trip next month. It's a very happy return for Cloughie — fired by Leeds after only 44 days.

In the League, Alan Buckley scores in Walsall's 3-1 win over Lincoln; the significance being it's his 20th goal of the season — making him the only current player to have achieved that feat for five successive seasons.

There's something of a sensation when the talented, but unpredictable, Charlie George high-handedly refuses a place in Ron Greenwood's squad for a forthcoming "B" international in West Germany.

George apparently feels, at his stage of development, it's an insult — and his attitude is firmly "Not B likely!" But it could have been a way back into the full side, and many shrewd observers rate him a bit of a Charlie to have reacted so hastily.

The Big Freeze again hits Saturday soccer — with 20 English games off. For once, Forest don't win — but only because they don't play! Top of the games which can go on is the 2-2 Chelsea-Man. Utd. draw. The crowd is only 32,000 — some 20,000 below hard-up Chelsea's hopes. But the stay-away fans had a point — riots break out afterwards, 40 "supporters" are arrested, and six innocent passengers need hospital treatment after a Tube train is vandalised.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 3 — Millwall; Cambridge; Sheffield Wed.; Walsall; Newport.

TOTAL GOALS: 51.

HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Goddard (Newport v. Rochdale).

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Forest; Div 2,

Spurs; Div 3, Cambridge; Div 4, Watford.

HIGHEST GATE: 39,880 — Man. City v. Q.P.R.

TOTAL GATE: 289,428.

AVERAGE GATE: 13,156.

FORFAR DISAPPOINTED

THIS time it really is a soccer white-out. Only two grounds see any action at all and one of them doesn't see very much.

Dumbarton score a 1-0 win over Kilmarnock at Rugby Park, consistently a victor over the bad weather and at Station Park, Forfar, there is 35 minutes of football and two goals.

Over 100 Forfar fans clear the pitch of snow with their own brushes and shovels just hours before kick-off time, but it is all in vain.

With the score 1-1 the snows come with a vengeance and football becomes impossible. The referee calls it a day after 35 minutes.

Still, football managed slightly better than rugby which was completely wiped out.

There is now a backlog of 70 games, but a Scottish League spokesman isn't over perturbed.

"Last year at this stage we had 120 games outstanding, so things aren't as bad as they seem," he says.



1977-78 SEASON IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

Week Ending FEBRUARY 18 . . .

ARSENAL 'REVENGE'

THE Gordon McQueen serial seems to have run on almost as long as "Coronation Street" — but, at last, it's over. He moves from Leeds to Old Trafford — and that dents the United bank-balance by a whopping £500,000.

And it's now definitely Tueart for Cosmos, as the Manchester City and England striker leaves our football — a £250,000 transfer; and a two-year £1,000-a-week contract, plus a fat signing-on fee — for the States.

Yet another of our big names, Trevor Francis, is seeking a quick move from Birmingham. Leeds — £850,000 to the good from the Jordan and McQueen transfers — are said to be interested in any development.

The first League Cup Finalist is known — as Arsenal Kop it 0-0 at home, and so it's Liverpool to go through to Wembley 2-1 on aggregate.

Big-spending Brighton — in the Third Division only last season, but now seriously challenging to reach the First — believe money's no object in trying to reach their goal. Go-ahead manager Alan Mullery cheerfully splashes-out another £100,000 to pick up Welsh international midfielder Peter Sayer — and the cash is equally welcome to desperately hard-up Cardiff.

Could have been a return to the limelight for Bill Shankly. Blackpool, with Allan Brown having departed, ask him to take over team affairs at least on a temporary basis — but Shanks prefers his retirement.

There's money in football these days — and not just up at the top. Free-scoring Alan Buckley — 131 goals in 250 games, and one of soccer's most-wanted men — is offered a nine-year deal with Walsall on a lucrative contract.

FROM DONS TO DUNDEE . . .

SCOTTISH Cup action at Ibrox and Rangers again get a 1-0 result in their favour. The victims are Stirling Albion and the scorer of the only goal is yet again that man Johnstone.

Action is thin on the ground — which is still rock-hard — but Hibs beat Crystal Palace 1-0 in a friendly at Selhurst Park.

Bobby Lennox, the last of the Lisbon Lions, announces he is leaving Celtic to try the great American dream with Houston Hurricanes. But 33-year-old Bobby stresses: "I'll be back."

of the sort of terms most Third Division players can only dream about.

The skids are still under English football — literally! — as ice and snow bring in the Pools Panel for the fourth successive week. Six of the eight Fifth Round ties get off the mark — but the League fares terribly with only five games played, and one of those abandoned in the second half.

But Blyth Spartans are only seconds off making Cup history when a last-minute home goal at Wrexham saves the Welshmen's red faces. Still, Blyth have a replay second-chance of becoming the first non-League club of modern times to reach the Quarter-Finals.

And, for once, Forest didn't dominate the day — or the play. Another last-minute goal, this one from Martin O'Neill, is surprisingly needed to earn them a replay against struggling Q.P.R.

Ipswich, well fancied by the bookies, also leave it until two minutes from the end to draw level at Bristol Rovers. But there was no repeat of that famous pre-War "giantkilling" as Arsenal comfortably cruise home 4-1 against Walsall.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Arsenal.

TOTAL GOALS: 30.

HAT-TRICKS: 0.

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Forest; Div 2, Spurs, Div 3, Cambridge; Div 4, Watford.

HIGHEST GATE: 43,736 — Arsenal v. Walsall.

TOTAL GATE: 219,606.

AVERAGE GATE: 19,964.

Week Ending FEBRUARY 25 . . .

FOREST FOR WEMBLEY

KEVIN Keegan may have departed our shores, but there's still nothing he likes better than to pull on an England shirt. And manager Greenwood is giving him another opportunity — against his new "homeland" of West Germany.

It's a massive vote of confidence in his match-winning ability, even out of match-fitness, for Kevin hasn't kicked a ball in anger since the New Year.

The day before the big one in Munich's Olympic Stadium, England play their first "B" International for 21 years in Augsburg — and the second-string provide a good omen by impressively beating the West Germans 2-1. The Mersey might of Terry McDermott and David Fairclough get their goals. Ronnie Worm — remember that name for 24 hours! — gets the Germans' consolation piece.

Unfortunately for England, that self-same Worm turns again next night to get the World Champs off the hook. Coming on late as sub, Worm wriggles his way through our rearguard in the 80th minute to equalise Stuart Pearson's first-half goal — and then, five minutes later, a superb free-kick by Reiner Bonhof speeds straight through the defensive wall to snatch victory out of what for most of the game looked like being an English triumph.

Back at home, Forest coast to a 4-2 win over Leeds in their League Cup Semi-Final second-leg to reach Wembley — and a crack at Liverpool — on an overwhelming 7-3 aggregate.

After ten months unexpectedly on

SENSATIONAL DEFEAT

JUST over 20,000 watch Rangers beat Motherwell at Fir Park and witness the beginnings of one of the stories of the season.

It is Motherwell's first defeat since Roger Hynd took over as boss from Willie McLean, but it happens under sensational circumstances. Well take a 2-0 lead with goals from O'Rourke and Davidson, but the second goal prompts a full-scale riot.

Dozens of arrests are made as the pitch is invaded and the referee orders the teams up the tunnel.

After a five-minute stoppage Derek Johnstone scores a quick goal for Rangers and two minutes later the League leaders are level through Gordon Smith. It's 2-2 at half-time, but Cooper, a McVie own-goal and Johnstone bring Rangers' tally to five before Davidson makes it a final score of 5-3.

the outside looking-in, World Cup-winning captain Bobby Moore may be coming back to soccer — in the Danish Third Division. Bob receives an offer as player-coach from the Herning club — and it looks as if he may accept a short-term contract while still waiting for that hoped-for manager's job back home.

Saturday comes, the weather goes — and, for the first time for quite a few weeks, English soccer gets along without a single postponement.

Forest, for once, drop a mini-clanger. Three up at Norwich in 25 minutes, they relax a bit in the second-half — and surprisingly drop a point. Four points behind, Manchester City help their own cause when a second-half Kidd goal ditches third-placed Everton. And Liverpool — warming-up for next week's European duel with Benfica — are still in contention after a 3-1 win over Manchester United.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 4 — Blackburn; Doncaster.

TOTAL GOALS: 105.

HAT-TRICKS: 1 — Owen (Doncaster v. Huddersfield).

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Forest; Div 2, Spurs; Div 3, Gillingham; Div 4, Watford.

HIGHEST GATE: 49,590 — Liverpool v. Man. Utd.

TOTAL GATE: 585,241.

AVERAGE GATE: 14,156.

But it is only the beginning of the story, for Motherwell protest about the invasion and the case drags on until the end of the season.

At Parkhead, Celtic fall 2-1 to St Mirren and Saints' first goal comes, ironically enough, from ex-Celt Jimmy Bone. McGarvey makes it 2-0 before McCluskey pulls one back.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: Motherwell v. Rangers 20,000; Celtic v. St. Mirren 20,000.

PREMIER DIVISION TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 59,000.

TOTAL GOALS: (3 Divs): 64.

TABLE-TOPPERS: Rangers.

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Rangers.

Dennis Mortimer comes away with the ball during the England B 2-1 victory v. West Germany.

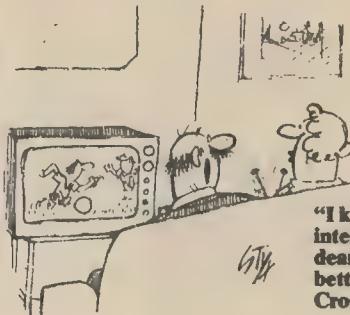


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This week Q.P.R.'s MARTYN BUSBY selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"The only time you were full of running was when their left-back showed you his knuckles"



"I know I'm not interested in Iran, dear, but anything is better than Crossroads"

"I reckon I might have scored if you hadn't fouled the ref"



"I forgot to tell you. A man called Ron Greenwood 'phoned a couple of weeks ago — wanted to know if you'd play for his team"



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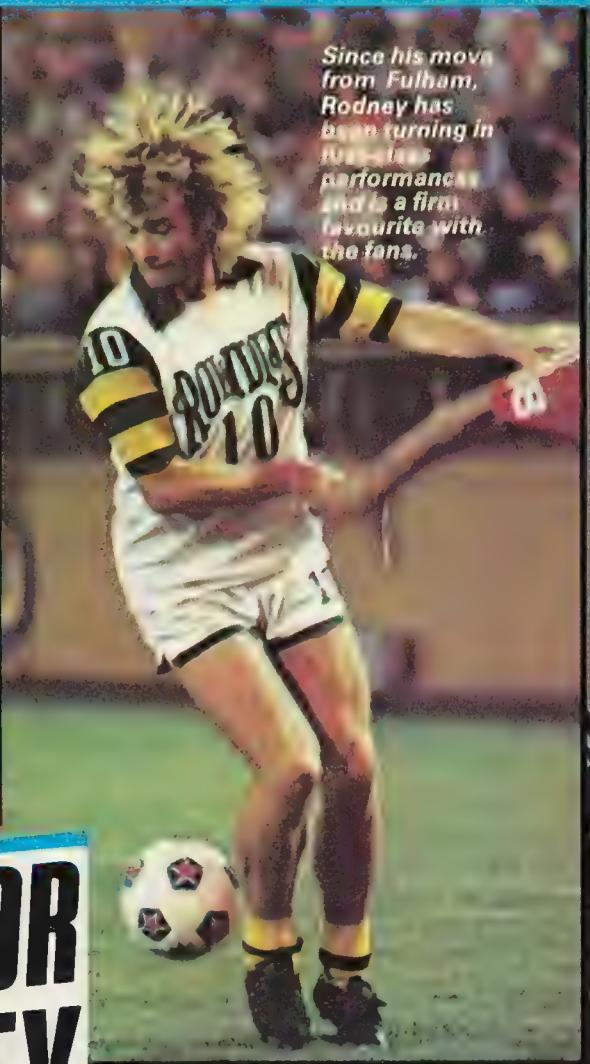
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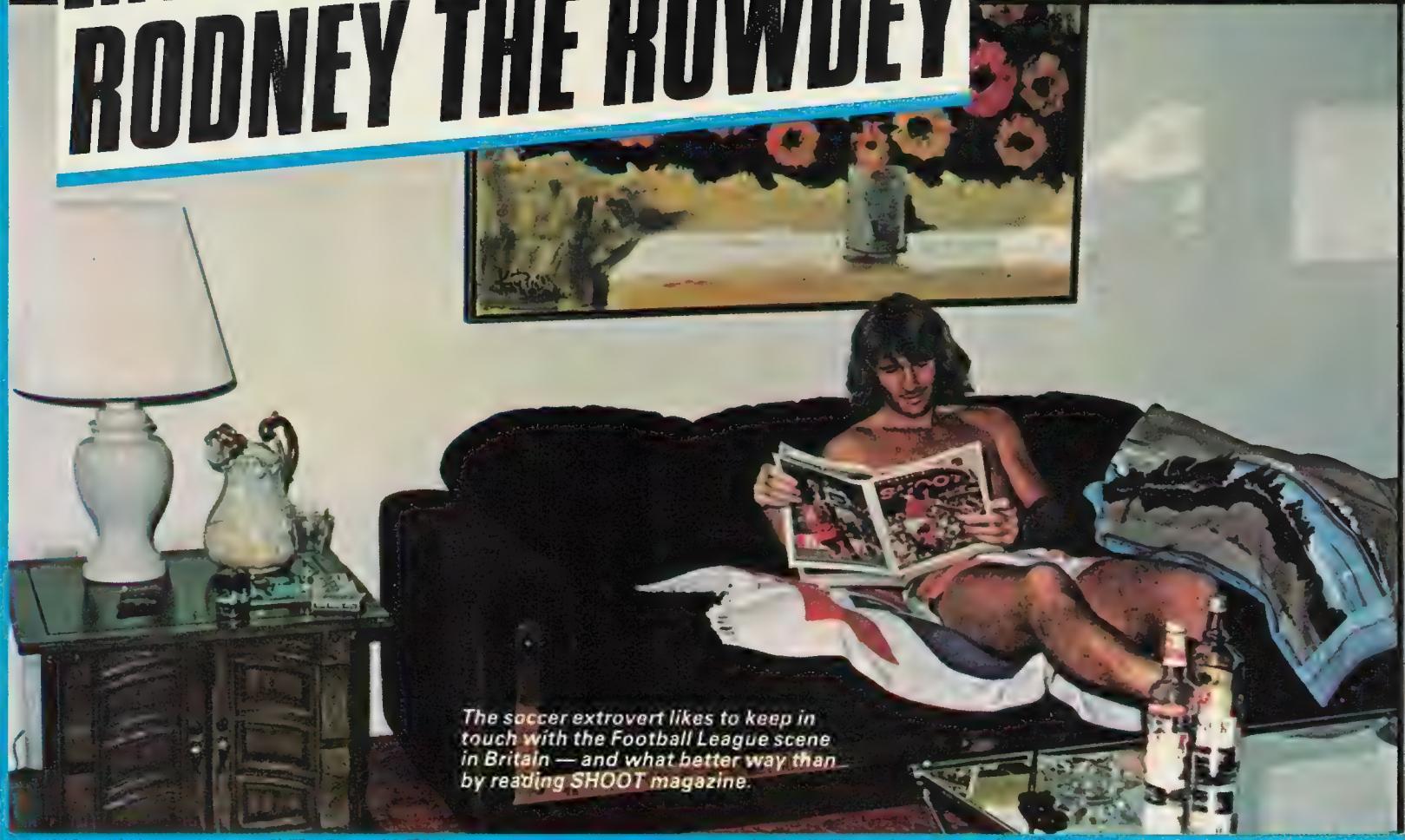


An impressive collection of cars stands outside the block of apartments where Tampa Bay's Rodney lives.

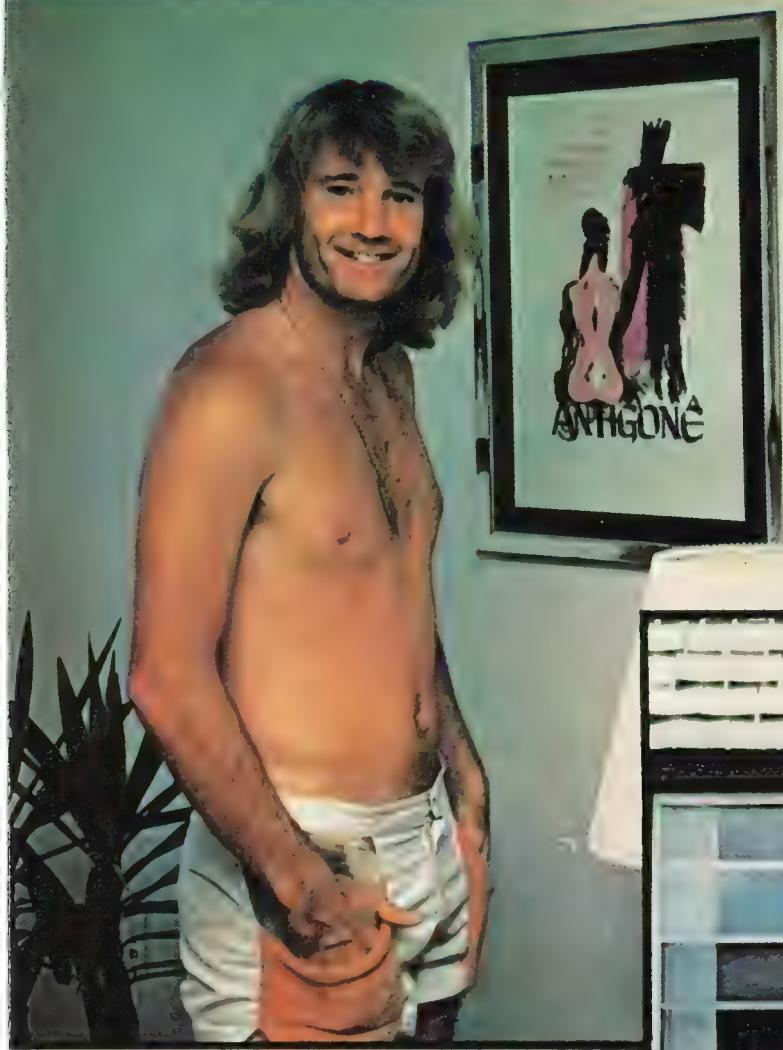


Since his move from Fulham, Rodney has been turning in impressive performances and is a firm favourite with the fans.

LIFE'S STILL G-R-E-A-T FOR RODNEY THE ROWDEY



The soccer extrovert likes to keep in touch with the Football League scene in Britain — and what better way than by reading SHOOT magazine.



Marsh shows off his framed autographed photo of the one and only Pele in action for the Cosmos against Rodney.



Rod says 'Goodbye — and call again' to our photographer and reporter — and you can bet we will.

RODNEY MARSH, who says he is "perfectly happy" living in Florida and playing for the Tampa Bay Rowdies, lives in a delightful upstairs apartment, overlooking a lake.

It takes him about 15 minutes to drive in his shining mauve Oldsmobile from the Rowdie headquarters in Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, to his rustic-looking home, which is part of a whole set of similar apartments which make up a "community village" called Centennial Place on the Lake.

Inside the apartment, wall-to-wall orange carpeting dominates upstairs and down. Colourful paintings adorn the walls — some of football players, including Rodney Marsh — and the kitchen is "super electric", with dishwasher and disposal units. There are two bedrooms upstairs, and both have kingsize beds.

By living in a "community village" — where all the apartments are owned and leased by the same company — Rodney can and does make use of the Centennial recreation club and party room, the swimming pool, volleyball court, barbecue pits, and the organised (and disorganised) community activities.

"I mix in with everybody," says Rodney. "It's a perfect situation! I'm very, very happy."

On the money side, Rodney is grinning, too. "I make at least twice as much as I did in England," he said. "It is also probably 50 per cent cheaper to live in Tampa than anywhere else in America and about 30 per cent cheaper than in England."

He certainly isn't short of friends and has a huge following of fans in Tampa — larger than any other player in the team.

What does Rodney particularly like about soccer U.S.A. style?

"Basically it's a whole new concept," he said, still retaining his rough English accent. "There's more freedom, such as a shoot out to settle a draw."

Is there anything at all which Rodney misses from England? "I miss seeing the League tables on Saturday night. And I miss my pals a bit. But I have some great friends in Tampa and the rest of America."

Does this mean Rodney won't ever be returning to British football? "Yeah, that's right," he replied.

HERE ARE OUR TIPS FOR THE TOP.
DAVID GEDDIS — this strong, leggy Ipswich striker is in the mould of the old-fashioned centre-forward. Not afraid of anyone or anything, he really made people sit up and take notice with his display in the F.A. Cup Final against Arsenal.

It was Geddis with a fine surge of speed who got round the outside of Sammy Nelson and laid on the cross for Roger Osborne's match-winner.

Earlier the powerful, fair-haired Geddis had the audacity to test Pat Jennings with a couple of stinging efforts from well outside the area. It was this sort of confidence in his shooting that had persuaded Bobby Robson to prefer Geddis to the half-fit Trevor Whymark.



GORDON COWANS, a spindly-looking lad, and son of the Aston Villa baggage man, has slowly been growing in confidence since making his debut the previous season.

Towards the end of the campaign he was beginning to reveal the tremendous potential he possesses, no doubt a result of the greater opportunities he was

At the end of season 1976-77 Geddis had been loaned out to Luton Town — but he's likely to make his name at Portman Road now.

TOM WILLIAMS is not a big name — not yet at least. But even amid a disastrous season for Leicester City, this young sandy-haired player managed to make his mark.

It can't be easy for any youngster coming into a side whose confidence is at rock-bottom because of poor results, but Williams showed enough in his first season at Filbert Street to suggest if things go better for the club in the Second Division, he's the sort who'll benefit quickly and be all the better for the experience.

Ipswich Town's Dave Geddis (right) had an outstanding term for the Portman Road club and laid on the only goal of the F.A. Cup Final for Roger Osborne to score. He was also selected for the England B tour at the end of last season.

receiving.

With Alex Cropley so unluckily sidelined with a broken leg, Gordon took his chance well, and he even helped out on the goal-scoring side late on notching some very useful scores.

Andy Gray will confirm Gordon is blossoming into a fine midfield player with exceptional vision.



When Alex Cropley broke a leg, Gordon Cowans (left) took his chance for Aston Villa. Tom Williams (above) shone for Leicester despite their bad form in the First Division.

THE 1977-78 season will be remembered for the fine crop of new exciting prospects who emerged — people like Cyrille Regis, Derek Statham, Tony Woodcock, Clive Walker, Glenn Roeder, David Price, Mark Higgins and Stan Cummins.

So who will succeed them as ...

The bright young hopes in 1978-79?

ALAN HANSEN has already cost Liverpool £100,000 but they're well pleased with the early indications of the investment.

This tall, dark and rangy defender has had limited opportunities at Anfield since his arrival from Partick Thistle, but then even Kevin Keegan and Ray Clemence had to wait in the wings for a while.

With Tommy Smith nearing the end of a marvellous career and scope improved by the vast number of matches the club is playing in domestic and European competition, a lot more is going to be heard of young Hansen.

There was a worry in his early performances that he played TOO MUCH football for a defender, but once Liverpool have got him blending into their pattern he could prove yet another colossal asset to Scotland as well as Bob Paisley.

MALCOLM WALDRON was in a very different boat. He played over 30 matches in the Southampton side which brought First Division football back to The Dell for the first time since 1974.

With good players around you, and in a team that is quite buoyant it must be much easier to show your skills, but even so Malcolm's performance in that final vital match against Tottenham, was eye-catching.

While some Saints' players may struggle to keep up with the extra demands of the First Division, Waldron has shown he has enough composure to live with the best of them.

The extra lift of playing at Anfield, Old Trafford, Maine Road and Highbury may just push him over the edge from being a good player into the category labelled "Very Good".





Malcolm Waldron could be a man to watch for Southampton next term.

down, but they also have the great knack of producing some great young material e.g. Collin Todd, Dennis Tueart and Bobby Kerr, and Gary looks like being the latest off the Roker Park production line.

In addition to his stylish midfield play he notched nearly 20 goals last season, and could go even better next time.



Attacking mid-fielder Gary Rowell (left) will be hoping Sunderland can regain their First Division status.

PAUL McGEE hasn't taken long to settle in at Queens Park Rangers following his move across the Irish Sea.

He set the Loftus Road crowd alight — and that hasn't happened too often recently — with a brilliant solo goal in one match, and alongside the silky skills of Stan Bowles, he could turn into a devastating player.

Paul oozes confidence when he has the ball, and now Rangers have survived their relegation crisis he'll be looking forward to really showing his paces in his first full season of League football.

GARY ROWELL suffered like Tom Williams from coming into a Sunderland side destined for the drop.

But in the succeeding twelve months he has developed apace, and we'll be very surprised if he isn't spearheading yet another Roker Park promotion drive next season.

Sunderland always seem to be in the thick of either going up or



Q.P.R.'s talented youngster Paul McGee (left). Manchester City's black striker Roger Palmer (above).

first time in the season, the dreaded drop to the Second Division loomed large for Wolverhampton, only just back that year, don't forget.

But Mel responded bravely playing alongside John Richards and Bill Rafferty, and he got a couple of useful goals as Wolves evaded the clutching hand of relegation.

It'll be interesting to see if he can



continue to build on that start next season.

ROGER PALMER could be the next young, coloured striker to make an impact, if he continues his progress with Manchester City.

Like Cyrille Regis he seems to have the rare quality to score spectacular goals, as illustrated at Newcastle when he whacked two past Mike Mahoney.

Obviously Roger will have to win his spurs first, vying as he is, for a place alongside Mike Channon, Peter Barnes and Brian Kidd.

City have a great backroom staff though, and if Tony Book and Bill Taylor can't get something special out of this highly-talented youngster it'll be surprising.

Watch out for all these players in 1978-79. We're not saying they WILL be the stars of the future. We're simply suggesting they have the ability to make it right to the top if all goes according to plan — and they work at their game as all great players have had to do to make their names.

THE West Germans took most of their food with them to Argentina. Over 30 kilos of cabbage, an undisclosed quantity of German sausages, and at their team headquarters in Cordoba over a ton of beef was ordered.

Austria, Sweden, Tunisia also brought their own food supply to the World Cup Finals. Mexico and Hungary are limiting themselves to their condiments and spices.

Brazil are eating local food but they have their own chef with them in Mar Del Plata.

Bombshell for Boro's Brine



MIDDLESBROUGH forward Peter Brine (above) has been forced to pack in the game on medical advice — at 24.

A Londoner, Brine underwent a major knee operation last October. Hopes of a comeback were finally dashed when a specialist told him: "Call it a day now or you will finish up a cripple in later life."

Brine accepted the heart-breaking verdict. "It shattered me but I could not ignore it. I had hoped for two or three years. The news has hit me though I don't think it will really sink in until the rest of the lads report for pre-season training again."

"I have no idea what I will do. You don't think of a professional footballer being finished so young."

Hundreds of North-East footballers have moved to London to make their name in football. Brine is one of the few who took the reverse route. When he signed for Middlesbrough, at 15, he fulfilled the ambition of his father. An "exile" in London, he wanted one of his three sons to play for his home club.

Manager John Neal was upset over the Brine bombshell. "It is a tragedy for the lad. He has braved pain and pulled his heart out to try and make a comeback."

All on SHOOT wish Peter every success in the future.

ACCORDING to Holland's manager, a strong midfield will win the World Cup. That's why Ernst Happel decided on a tactical 3-5-2 formation, altering to 4-5-1 when necessary.

"I'LL FIGHT LIKE A BEAR FOR LEICESTER"

-new boss JOCK WALLACE

JOCK Wallace (right) the new Leicester City manager, can be expected to make an instant impact on the Filbert Street scene.

Wallace, a former goalkeeper with West Bromwich, has already played at the Leicester ground, but was honest enough to admit when joining his new club:

"I didn't know much about the players there now, but they will soon get to know me."

The experienced Wallace, who also had playing experience with Hereford, Workington, Berwick and Bedford, learned his managerial trade with Berwick, Hearts and Rangers — the team he twice won the treble of League, League Cup and Scottish Cup with.

He is Leicester's fifth Scottish manager since the War — and will surely prove the

most forceful.

"I'll fight like a bear to get this club back into the First Division," said the tough Scot who likes to be called "The Big Man."

The son of a former Blackpool goalkeeper, Jock did not actually enjoy the fruits of full-time soccer until he joined West Bromwich.

But there is no doubt he will make a full impact on the game in England.

Wallace, who is so keen to get things moving at Filbert Street, says: "The first two months of the season will be all important. If we can make a reasonable start then that will do much for the confidence of the players.

"They must be feeling pretty low after last season's performance. My job is to boost morale. I did a similar job at Ibrox and I'm sure I can do it again."

BRINGING you action from the World Cup Finals has cost the BBC and ITV £1 million each.

SWANSEA CITY, newly promoted to the Third Division, showed a keen interest in Colchester's transfer-listed midfielder Ray Bunkell last term.

FULHAM have approved a plan to build eight-seat private boxes each costing £1,500 at the back of the Riverside Stand.

BRADFORD CITY have given free transfers to former Crewe defender Phil Nicholls, ex-Blackpool and Plymouth full-back Peter Hardcastle and long-serving defender David Fretwell.

Details of the domestic competitions in Eire. Season 1977-78

Competition	Games	Goals	Av:	Winners
Bass League	240	651	2.71	Bohemians
FAI Cup	25	46	1.84	Shamrock R.
Bass League Cup	30	98	3.26	Dundalk
Tyler All-Ireland	7	24	3.42	Shamrock R.
Leinster Senior Cup	15	56	3.73	Dundalk
Munster Senior Cup	7	23	3.28	Cork Alberts.

NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

CRAIG BOOST FOR VILLA

SCOTTISH midfield star Tommy Craig (below) will be striving to prove his worth at Villa Park next season after a knee injury cruelly robbed him of pressing his claims for a place in Argentina.

Craig, signed from Newcastle for a £250,000 fee last February, played in only three matches for Villa before that injury against Birmingham put him out of action for the rest of the season.

Says manager Ron Saunders: "Tommy was just beginning to find his feet before he had to go into hospital for a cartilage operation. Now he has had a complete rest and we are all confident he will prove a great acquisition for the club next season."



AWARD FOR GILES

THERE was never really any doubt about who was going to win the coveted Personality of the Year award of the Irish Soccer Writers' Association. And in John Giles there has seldom been a more popular winner.

Giles had a magnificent season. He took over the reigns of a depleted Shamrock Rovers team and restored pride to the famous club. Not only that, he took them to two major titles, the F.A.I. Cup and the newly-inaugurated Tyler All-Ireland Cup which involves the top four teams of North and South.

Under Giles, Rovers have become an almost fully-professional squad. He signed Ray Treacy from his old club West Brom., Johnny Fullam from Bohemians and Eamonn Dunphy from Millwall.

He also brought forward young talent like Steve Lynex, Noel Synott, Pierse O'Leary and Alan O'Neill. The blend proved one of the most attractive to watch in the Eire League and the crowds came to watch.

Giles was also busy as the Eire international supremo. His influence on the Irish team has given them new stature — and unprecedented results. Eire missed out on the World Cup Finals, but the series provided many memorable games that auger well for the European Championship campaign. Eire have been drawn with England, Northern Ireland, Denmark and Bulgaria. They opened their account recently with a 3-3 draw with Denmark in Copenhagen.

For what he has done to Shamrock Rovers and to Irish football in general, John Giles was a worthy recipient of the Writers Award.



SOCER IN THE STATES

America's OTHER Leagues

THIS summer is going to be crucial for the other soccer outfit in the United States — The American Soccer League.

Although most of the attention in the States is focused on the NASL, the ASL is the oldest pro. League. This is their 45th season and they're hoping it won't be their last.

They almost didn't make it through season 44. They started with nine clubs and finished with eight, many of them in desperate financial trouble.

Wisely the officials called in an organisation called American Soccer League Management to handle their business and they're helping to keep the League afloat.

Realising the stiff competition from

NASL Standings

(up to and including 1st June)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Cosmos	9	2	34	11	23	77
Washington	8	5	25	15	23	71
Rochester	6	7	17	19	17	47
Toronto	4	6	14	15	13	37

Central Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Minnesota	8	4	23	18	23	71
Dallas	7	6	23	20	22	64
Tulsa	6	6	16	18	52	52
Colorado	4	10	15	27	15	39

Western Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Portland	10	4	26	19	24	94
Vancouver	9	3	21	12	20	74
Seattle	7	7	21	20	21	63
Los Angeles	5	7	16	20	15	45

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
New England	7	5	18	14	18	60
Fort Lauderdale	6	7	18	30	18	54
Tampa Bay	5	6	22	22	20	50
Philadelphia	5	7	15	26	15	45

Central Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Detroit	7	5	18	14	18	60
Houston	6	5	18	15	17	53
Memphis	2	10	13	23	13	25
Chicago	1	11	10	26	10	16

Western Division

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
San Diego	8	5	24	21	21	69
Oakland	7	5	15	18	15	57
California	7	7	17	20	15	57
San Jose	5	8	19	23	18	48

Six points awarded for victory; one bonus point awarded for each goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game.

Ulster-England MOVES

NORTHERN IRELAND'S ten cross-Channel moves in 1977-78 involved transfer deals totalling well over £200,000, an all-time seasonal record.

The top individual sale was Linfield ace Billy Hamilton's £40,000 end-of-term switch to Queens Park Rangers, though Coventry City's £55,000 double-capture of Larne pair Jim Hagan and Paul Thompson was the biggest combined deal.

Ulster-England transfers in 77-78 were:

Billy Hamilton (Linfield-O.P.R.)	£40,000
Jim Hagan (Larne-Coventry)	£35,000
Terry Hayes (Linfield-Luton)	£30,000
Michael Guy (Coleraine-Sheffield U.)	£25,000
Colin McCurdy (Larne-Fulham)	£25,000
Paul Thompson (Larne-Coventry)	£20,000
Jim Campbell (Portadown-Preston)	£20,000
Albert McClenaghan (Larne-Watford)	£20,000
Steven McAdam (Portadown-Burnley)	Undisclosed
Jim Gardiner (Portadown-Burnley)	Undisclosed

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ONE \$ MILLION TO SPEND

FORMER Coventry manager Noel Cantwell is apparently being paid £70,000 for his two-year stint as boss of the New England Tea Men.

And with a million dollars to spend on players he ought to be able to build a side capable of rivalling his powerful neighbours from the East coast, Cosmos.

In case you're wondering about the club's title, they're owned by the Lipton Tea Company.

America's OTHER Leagues

the NASL, the ASL decided to increase their clubs to ten this year, compared to their rivals 24. And they have only two Divisions — East and West. The NASL now has six separate sections.

As with the NASL it looks as though the East coast is going to dominate the League.

Last year's Champions New Jersey Americans are also favourites this season, despite losing star player Ringo Cantillo to New England Tea Men.

Three of the four teams in the ASL's Western Division are based in Los Angeles which means there are now five professional clubs in the city.

The newest of the ASL trio recently decided on their name — the Los Angeles Lazers. Why Lazers? Well, it stands for Let All Zealous Earthlings Radiate Soccer.

Now I know why so many clubs in England have Rovers tagged on the end of their name. Presumably to let us know that Redblooded Old Veterans Enjoy Real Soccer. Any better ideas?

ASL Standings

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
NY Apollo	5	1	0	13	6	36
Cleveland	3	2	0	6	6	21
New Jersey	3	1	0	4	2	19
NY Eagles	2	3	1	7	8	7
Indianapolis	2	4	1	5	9	17
Connecticut	1	4	0	4	6	9

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Los Angeles	6	4	0	12	12	42
Southern Cal	3	5	1	10	11	27
California	2	2	1	7	6	19
Sacramento	2	3	0	6	8	16

Five points awarded for a victory; two points for a tie; one bonus point for each goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game.

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X CERTIFICATE SOCCER

PSYCHOLOGIST Dr Mike Smith, of Manchester University's Institute of Science and Technology, is calling for football matches to be given certificates like films — so that young fans could be kept away from potentially violent games.

If his scheme was adopted, U-rated games would be open to fans of all ages, Unrated matches would only be open to children when accompanied by adults and no one under 18 would be allowed in to the clashes with an X-certificate.

Dr Smith says: "I think my idea is worth a try. The ratings would be fairly easy . . . they would be given on the

behaviour of their supporters in the past.

"For instance, a Manchester United-Leeds match would be X-rated. But a game between Arsenal and Walsall would be a 'U'.

But, so far, his idea has found few backers. A spokesman for the Police Federation said: "You can have a lot of unexpected trouble at a Fourth Division match with 2,000 people in the ground — and no bother at all at a glamour game with 50,000 watching."

And a Ministry of Sport spokesman said: "Usually, the problems you get are outside the grounds."

AWARD FOR CASE

LIVERPOOL's European Cup success at Wembley ensured that Jimmy Case won the Prix Bravo 78 trophy organised by the Italian weekly magazine Guerin Sportivo and the Sports Department of Italian Television RAI TG2.

He topped the poll of votes cast by representatives from European football publications — including David Gregory, SHOOT Editor — after all the season's matches.

Jimmy got 131 votes, Abdel Krimau (Bastia) 69 and Ilie Balaci (Craiova) 45. Prizes will be awarded at a special ceremony in Ravenna, Italy, on July 12th.

SURE SHOTS

ALTHOUGH Aldershot were bitterly disappointed at missing promotion, having been in the top four for much of the season, they had some consolation in going unbeaten at home for the very first time in their 50-year history.

GATES DOWN

FOR the first time since Leeds United were promoted to the First Division in 1964 their average home gate did not top 30,000 last term. Indeed the average of 29,084 was over 1,000 down on the previous season.

Cup-winners aid 'Sporting World'

Some Ipswich players with their special t-shirts. Also with them is manager Bobby Robson.

'Sporting World' is a scheme specifically designed to help Britain's Amateur Sporting Associations, and Ipswich Town on hearing about the promotion decided to help give it a resounding launch.

As we often hear, many youngsters could be top class yet never realise their full potential because they haven't been given the amenities, equipment and coaching so vital for development in their early days.

Through Sporting World, Colgate-

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CRASH COURSE

NO wonder Chicago Sting have the worst record in the NASL — most of their players haven't been able to understand a word coach Malcolm Musgrove has been saying.

Musgrove has now settled the problem — by calling in a group of teachers to give his players a crash course in English.

Said Musgrove, the ex-West Ham winger: "Players were hollering to each other on the pitch in all the languages of the United Nations. It was hopeless."

The first word the team have learned in English is victory. After losing their first ten games, Chicago saved themselves from equalising the League's worst run of 11 winless matches by defeating Detroit 2-1.

Musgrove, clearly, is starting to get his message across.

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CHARLTON midfielder Bill O'Sullivan knows about the London soccer scene.

Before signing for Charlton last October he had spells with Arsenal, Queens Park Rangers and Crystal Palace.

The 18-year-old North Lambeth-born youngster has plenty of stamina and likes nothing better than a good five-a-side game.

'TORTURE HOUR'

MANCHESTER CITY and England goalkeeper Joe Corrigan brings gasps of wonder from his team-mates for his self-inflicted "torture hour" in training.

It is an agony session where the ball is constantly thrown or shot first at one side of the goal and then the other. Joe has to leap from side to side without a second's break — and is always breathless at the end.

Joe believes the sessions help him to avoid a repetition of the weight problems that affected him early in his career.

So far, this summer has been so hectic I haven't really had time to sit down and relax.

But after sending-off this week's column to SHOOT, I'm going to lie out in the garden and catch up on your letters. I'll answer the more interesting ones next week.

Judging by those I've opened since returning from the England 'B' tour of the Far East, many of you want to know how I've been spending the close-season.

A good idea for this week's column. So here goes . . .

On Thursday, May 11th, a couple of days after helping my new club Derby County beat Cup Finalists Arsenal in our last League match of the 1977-78 season at the Baseball Ground, I flew out with my wife Jackie to Norway.

I had been invited over by my old mate Bryan King, the former Millwall and Coventry 'keeper who recently had to retire because of injury.

King now manages a Norwegian Third Division club, Jerv. They are in the small town of Kristiansand, which is situated on the South coast, facing the Skagerrak, around 100 miles from Oslo.

He'd asked me to play for Jerv in an exhibition match against Chelsea on Saturday, May 13th.

Jackie and I stayed in a fabulous hotel just along the coast in Grimstad.

The area was very beautiful and



we were both made extremely welcome by the people in Grimstad and Kristiansand.

The match was played in Jerv's tiny stadium and attracted a crowd of 3,000, which wasn't bad considering the entire population of Kristiansand is only around 5,000.

Jerv played with a lot of enthusiasm, but we were beaten by Chelsea 2-0.

Bryan is doing a grand job in Norway, although misses his old home and mates. It's a pity no English club made him an offer he couldn't refuse.

Thanks for your hospitality, Bryan, hope to see you again soon.

He's asked me to send a copy of SHOOT out to him every week, so I'll know he'll read this column.

my soccer scene
GORDON HILL

Anyway, we arrived back at Jackie's parent's house in Weybridge, Surrey, on Monday, May 15th, and stayed for a few days.

I managed a couple of rounds of golf with some friends and even a game of tennis.

To keep in training for the England 'B' tour I also spent some time with another pal, Johnny Banham, who is a P.E. instructor at the Police Training College in Sunbury.

He put me through my paces with circuit training, followed by several games of five-a-side with the cadets.

I also visited the SHOOT offices with Jackie and had a very enjoyable lunch with my mate, assistant editor Pete Stewart.

Afterwards I was shown how the magazine is put together, and watched my column going through the process of being subbed and designed before being sent to the printers.

So to Peter, Danny Fox, John Hamon, Johnny "I eat anything" Pyke, Chris "Mouth" Davies, Stewart Worker, Stan McDonald, Dave Hutchins, Ian "Sepp" Reeve, gorgeous secretary Sue King and

'MY CLOSE-



The kiwi mascot which welcomed the England 'B' squad to an eve of tour party held at New Zealand House. Joining in the fun here are from left, Bobby Robson, Brian Talbot, Joe Corrigan, Paul Mariner, Gordon, and Ron Greenwood.

Editor Dave Gregory, thanks for making Jackie and I so welcome.

From the SHOOT offices I went to a small private cinema in Soho to see a preview of a film I have helped make on soccer skills.

Along with Ray Clemence, Kevin Keegan, Colin Todd and Trevor Brooking I've been involved with this series which has taken well over a year to shoot.

Hopefully you'll see these excellent training films on TV some time in the near future, but I'll give you more details when I've seen the schedule.

Next day it was back North to my home in Cheshire, to sort things out and tidy up the garden.

On Thursday, May 25th, I drove Jackie and Kerry down to her parents again where they were due to stay while I went on tour to the Far East and New Zealand with England 'B'.

The following morning I joined members of the England squad at a reception in New Zealand House, London.

This party was held on the eve of our departure to wish the England

to Kuala Lumpur and the start of our tour.

We arrived in Malaysia on Sunday morning, May 28th, and played our first game on the Tuesday. England drew 1-1, but more details about that and our other matches in a later column.

The squad then left for Singapore on Thursday, 1st June, to catch a flight to New Zealand, where we played five more games.

We ended the tour against Singapore on Sunday, June 18th, returning to London a day later.

The tour was so exhausting I still haven't really recovered from all the travelling and the heat.

At the moment I'm at home in Cheshire and thinking about going back to Norway for a week or so with Jackie and Kerry.

That will be the only family holiday we'll have this year, I'm afraid.

But I'll be busy following other pursuits before reporting back to Derby for pre-season training in a couple of weeks time.

I hope to be playing some tennis and then going down to Wimbledon to see the Championships.

SEASON'

players well.

As I arrived — with tour manager Bobby Robson, Brian Talbot, Ron Greenwood, Paul Mariner and Joe Corrigan — a giant kiwi, New Zealand's national symbol, stopped us in our tracks.

It was one of the embassy staff dressed up!

Afterwards, the England squad assembled at the Post House Hotel, London Airport, ready for departure

As you know, Jimmy Connors is my favourite tennis star so I'll be watching him closely to see if I can pick up some useful tips.

Jackie will probably come with me to Wimbledon . . . for the strawberries and cream teas.

I'll also be out in the countryside with my gun for a spot of shooting.

Depending on the weather, Jackie, Kerry and I will be out most afternoons driving through the Derbyshire lanes, stopping off at our favourite little restaurant for tea.

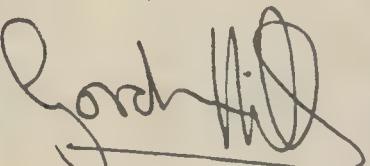
If it's raining, you'll find me in another favourite pose . . . sitting with my feet up watching telly or a game recorded on my video tape machine.

I've still got quite a few World Cup matches to catch up on. As I was away during the Finals, Jackie recorded most of the top ones for me.

If you are on holiday, have a good time — and why not look out for SHOOT'S Summer Special.

I understand it's on sale soon. And from what I've seen it's a good read.

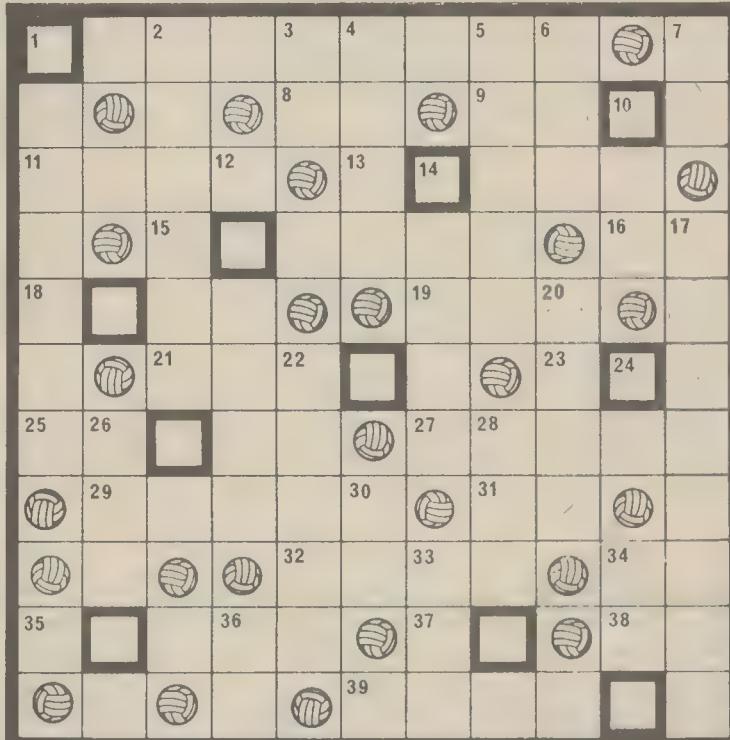
Take care . . .



Gordon will be pursuing two of his favourite pastimes this summer . . . tennis and shooting.

Go for the Double

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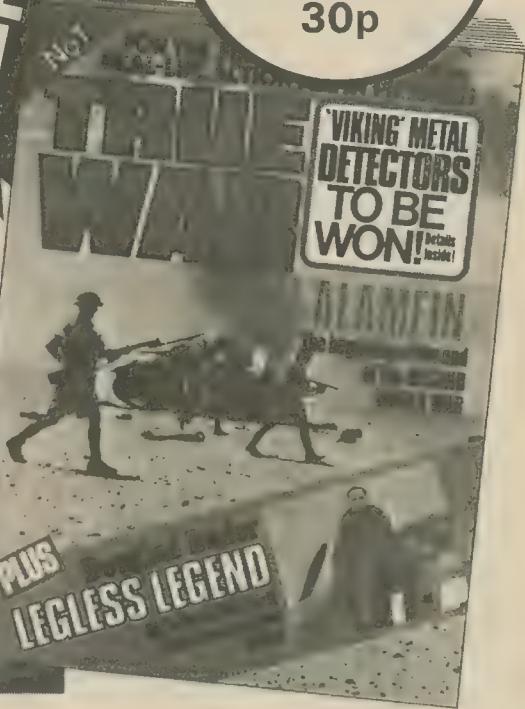
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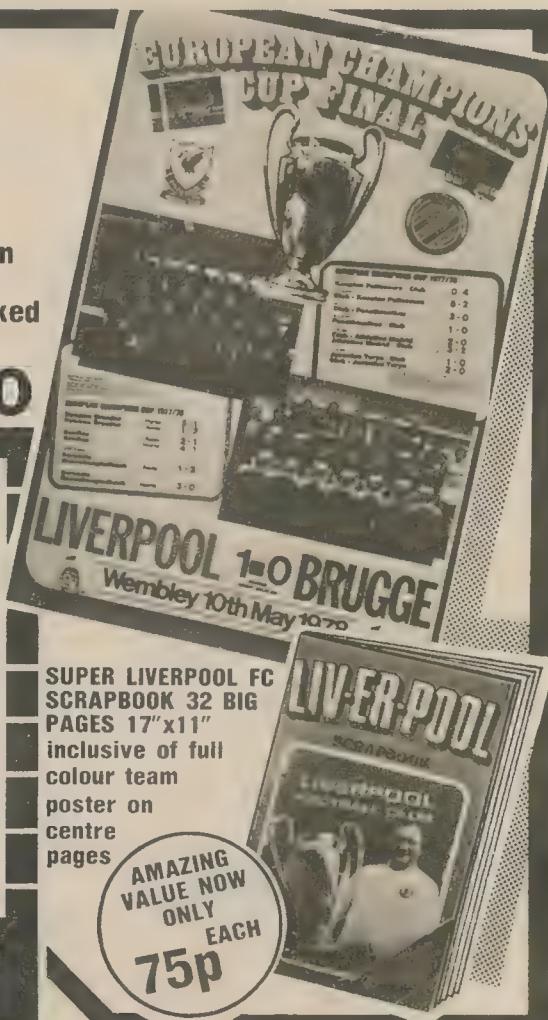
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SURELY the most emotional failure of the season was witnessed at Brighton on the last Saturday of the League programme when Albion's gallant effort was thwarted only by Spurs' promotion-winning point at Southampton.

There must have been tears in Alan Mullery's eyes as he faced the Press knowing his side had come so near yet so far from reaching the First Division for the first time in the club's history.

Brighton's total of 56 points would have been good enough to take them up in any of the last ten years, indeed Nottingham Forest, today's League Champions achieved promotion 12 months earlier with just 52 points.

Yet as thousands of Brighton fans called for a lap of honour from Mullery and his team, chanting "Seagulls, Seagulls" the tribute must have stuck in the manager's throat.

Failure to get Brighton into the First Division hasn't dented manager Mullery's vision for the seaside club.

'WE'LL BECOME ONE OF THE TOP HALF-DOZEN TEAMS IN THE COUNTRY'

He came within an ace of steering his team from the Third to the First Division in successive seasons, but Bolton, Southampton and Spurs went up instead.

"People will call it glorious failure, but there isn't such a thing for me," said the one-time Spurs and England international.

"I'm sick to the pit of my stomach and it's no good disguising it. We have a First Division set-up here, everything is geared to playing at the very top level, and we have fantastic support."

Mullery is convinced though this failure will only add to the determination to go at least one place better next year.

"Nothing will stop us from getting to the First Division. We have a vigorous and enterprising young chairman in Mike Bamber, and we can only be better for our experience this year.

"We want to go into the First Division to compete with the Liverpools and Manchester Uniteds and when we get there we want to be on an equal footing in all senses of the word.

"Our potential is fantastic with no other clubs in the surrounding area, and if Brighton did get into the First Division I'm convinced we'd become one of the top half-dozen clubs in the country."

Mullery is delighted with the players he has bought in the past 12 months, even though his half-a-million pound spending spree didn't bring promotion.

"We have gone for quality players who will do well for us in the First Division.

"We now have two excellent goalkeepers in Eric Steele and



Brighton's Tony Towner beats Terry Naylor of Spurs during last term.

Graham Moseley, our defence is as good as any, and our signings from Preston, Mark Lawrenson and Gary Williams, both fitted in well.

"Paul Clark from Southend has added a lot of drive in midfield to go with Brian Horton, Peter Sayer has arrived from Cardiff and it's only 12 months ago people were talking of him as another Kevin Keegan, and we've signed two big strikers in Teddy Maybank and Malcolm Poskett who should get a lot of goals for us.

"Peter Ward is without question our star of the future though. All players go through a lean spell when they can't score, just as he did, but he'll come again. He's too good not to do, and that brilliant goal in the last match against Blackpool showed he is getting back to the form which won him a place in the England squad. I'd back him to score 20 goals every season without any trouble."

Alan Mullery has tasted a good deal of success in his career as both manager and player but he fervently believes the greatest days of all are just around the corner — at Brighton.

A happy Alan Mullery after signing Teddy Maybank from Fulham.



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FOCUS ON WILLIE CARR Wolves

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BIRTHPLACE: Glasgow
BIRTHDATE: 6th January, 1950
HEIGHT: 5ft 6ins
WEIGHT: 10st 6lbs
PREVIOUS CLUB: Coventry City
MARRIED: Yes
CHILDREN: Three boys, Anthony, Stuart and Robert
CAR: Citroen estate
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Don't have one really
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Cambridge United
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They are all difficult
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Scotland v. England, Hampden 1970, 127,000 attendance
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning promotion back to the First Division in 1976-77
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being relegated in 1975-76
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: West Indies
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and Italian dishes
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Golf and driving
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Washing my car, and ignorant people
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Documentaries, sports programmes and Rising Damp
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Andy Williams and Barbra Streisand
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Leonard Rossiter, Paul Newman and Katherine Ross
BEST FRIEND: I've a few close friends
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Pat Saward while he was youth-team manager at Coventry City
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Long coach journeys and bad refs
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Youth, Under-23 and full caps for Scotland
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be content in life
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win honours before I stop playing
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? I don't really know
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? The one giving out the winners' medals after a Cup Final



Twas a good season for Everton and for wingers like me.

Everton may not have won the European Cup like Liverpool and I'm sure that will be stuffed down our throats by Reds' fans throughout the summer. But despite that, I'm sure Blues supporters feel happier after last term than for some time.

We finished third behind Nottingham Forest and Liverpool. I suppose we, like most other sides, thought Forest would crack but that never happened. But third position gives us European football next season which will be nice to have — and we now have real hope for 1978-79 that we can win a trophy.

I'm 27 now and I'm sad to say

I've never won any medals during my first class career. I've gained international honours but never a trophy — and I want to start putting that right in the next three or four years with Everton. I believe we have a chance now of achieving something for those loyal Goodison followers. We had an average home gate last term of 40,000 and if we won an honour, I reckon it would pass 45,000. That's our immediate target for next season — a trophy on the Goodison sideboard.

I was happy with our campaign and especially pleased it was an outstanding one for wingers. Play seems to be getting so congested in the centre of football fields these days I'm convinced



Dave Thomas supplied many of the crosses for Bob Latchford (left) to score his 30 League goals last season.

hitting consistent form but I must admit I wonder now what I might have to do in the future to get back, after getting no call-up last season despite a very successful one for me. I felt I contributed a lot to Everton and might have got into the 'B' side. But I guess I'll have to work harder.

I reckon the next four years should produce my peak in playing ability. It's certainly true what they say — the older you get, the better you become as a player. You've got that priceless commodity — experience — when you're older and there is nothing as important as that really. It counts for a tremendous amount.

Outstanding

Everton had a useful campaign thanks to a large extent to Bob Latchford. His 30 goals in the First Division was an outstanding achievement and I like to think I helped him by sending over so many crosses. We had a good sys-

'Wingers are back to stay'

**says Everton's
DAVE THOMAS**

wingers will become more and more effective; finding the space and the gaps out wide. Wingers are back to stay, I'm sure of that.

Every team we meet nowadays has wingers and they're all trying to use them as much as possible. It's the best way to play, really and it's possible our football would not have suffered a decline in fortunes if we had not dropped them at international level.

Decision

Continental sides played with wingers for quite a time while we weren't picking them and I think we probably paid the price for our decision to drop them. But now they are back, I believe we have a better future. It's no coincidence players like Steve Coppell and Peter Barnes have got into the England side and done a great job.

I've not given up hope of my own chances of getting into future international teams. It's all about

tem going for Bob is able to get on to the end of the crosses, especially if they're hit hard and early. We worked it well and he got a few goals from my crosses, which was satisfying for the whole side.

I never won anything at Q.P.R. or Burnley so I'm hoping I shall start winning honours with Everton next season. It would be really nice to win something for this great club and its supporters. It has obviously been a tough task for both the players and fans living with Liverpool's remarkable run of successes in the last few years.

But our chance of winning something now must be as good as ever before. We've a highly talented side that showed pretty good consistency last season by finishing third in the League. Now we've got to make the short journey from doing well in the League and Cup competitions, to actually going the whole way and winning. I believe with Gordon Lee at the helm, it is possible next season.



**Tartan
Talk**

JOHN GREIG

Ally MacLeod (seated, left) and his army visited a recording studio before setting off for South America. But, after failing to qualify for Round Two it was "Don't cry for me Argentina" for Ally's Army.

'I'M NOT GOING TO KNOCK ALLY MacLEOD'

DISAPPOINTED ... that's the way I feel after Scotland's displays in Argentina, but there is no way I am going to join the people who are knocking Ally MacLeod.

I've only been a manager for a matter of weeks and I now realise the strain and pressure of the job ... even in the close season!

Scotland, I feel, showed some of their real form against Holland. Okay, it was a bit late then, but at least the world saw how well we can perform. There was a lot in that game that looked so good.

The midfield was buzzing, Graeme Souness was taking up intelligent positioning and, of course, Archie Gemmill was having one of those magnificent nights we all dream about.

I'll never forget that third goal from wee Archie. There have been some superb efforts in Argentina, but I don't think there will be one to better that one from the Nottingham Forest dynamo.

The way he got through three defenders was quite incredible, his close control was breathtaking. And he didn't panic at the crucial

moment when he was faced with the 'keeper coming charging out. He kept his head, took his time and slotted it in. What a pity it wasn't the World Cup winner!

The World Cup was a bit of a nightmare for Scotland, I'm sorry to say, but it proved one thing — it showed just how much some teams are advancing in football.

Look at Iran and Tunisia, for a start. The Iranians were a bit too defensive for my liking, possibly that was why they gave away four penalty-kicks in three section matches. There always seemed to be someone in their box ready to put in a crunching tackle.

But, really, they weren't too bad technically. We were told they were weak at heading, but possibly Joe Jordan would disagree with that.

And what can you say about Tunisia. They were a breath of fresh air, weren't they?

They moved that ball around at 100 miles per hour and certainly deserved a point in their match against Poland. I really felt sorry for them in that game.

Tunisia came so close, but it wasn't to be. And who could have imagined them holding World Champions West Germany to a 0-0 draw? I, for one, wouldn't have put any money on them to hold out even before the interval.

Mexico were a bit of a disappointment. I had heard and read quite a lot about them and they had some good results before the Finals. Like Scotland, though, they got off to a bad start when they went down 3-1 to Tunisia and they never really recovered.

Brazil, too, have been a strange mixture. It must be difficult for them living in the shadow of such great players as Pele, Garrincha, Jairzinho and Gerson. And, of course, Roberto Rivelino wasn't quite what we expected although, of course, he was injured.

But World Cups always throw up something new. I have seen a couple of things of interest and I may try to put it into Rangers' style next season. We'll wait and see ...

I must prepare for the new season. I have taken on a big job and



I want to make a success of it, and help my only club to win further honours. Wish me luck ...

John Greig

WORLD CUP COMMENTS FROM CELTIC'S DANNY McGRAIN NEXT WEEK

'It was a very good year'

LAST season was a good one for League football. We had the "right" clubs winning the honours and, generally speaking, teams played a lot of attacking soccer.

There can be no doubt whatsoever that Nottingham Forest and Ipswich Town deserved their domestic victories.

Perhaps the most startling aspect of Forest's Championship success (apart from the fact they won it!) was they triumphed so easily.

Once they got their nose in front at the turn of the year, there was, really, little doubt they'd be Champions.

Perhaps even now they haven't been given full credit for their superb achievements of the past year.

They lost just three League games out of 42 and without looking into the record books, I doubt whether many sides have managed that. Three losses from August to April — incredible.

What was the secret of their success? A difficult question to answer. I don't know about "secrets", but the style was there for everyone to see.

Forest had a dream start and this must have boosted their confidence no end. They built on this and with very few injury problems over the course of the season, Brian Clough had hardly any selection problems.

Mind you, even then I'm doing Forest an injustice. They won the League Cup with a "reserve" side. Peter Shilton, Dave Needham and Archie Gemmill were ineligible, while when the Final came around Forest had other players out through injury.

The contribution of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor cannot be minimised. They were very much part of the Forest team — had the Forest players been under any other man-

agement, would they have been Champions? Food for thought . . .

Cloughie has proved himself yet again and he must have the Forest club superbly organised from top to bottom.

The more you look at Forest's record, the more impressive it becomes. They scored 69 goals and conceded just 24. Yet in no way are Forest defensive. They build from the back and believe the best form of defence is attack.

Forest have great players in key positions — goalkeeper, centre-

Nottingham Forest stars Robertson, Burns and McGovern display the League Championship trophy won in such exciting style.



Eight 'Double' stars

Liverpool beat Bruges in the 1978 European Champions Cup Final, and also in the 1976 U.E.F.A. Cup Final. How many Liverpool players played both times?

SATISH KUMAR HAYES

• Including substitutes coming on, and the fact the U.E.F.A. game was two-legged, eight of them did. Satish.

The "Double" Reds were Clemence, Neal, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Fairclough, Heighway, and Case.

Keegan, Callaghan, Toshack, and Smith played in the former, but not the latter. Dalglish, McDermott, Souness, and Hansen the other way round.

League Cup

Can you settle an argument that the Football League Cup is quite a bit "younger" than the F.A. Cup, and also tell me who were the first winners?

JOHN TWOMEY, FIRE

• The F.A. Cup kicked-off in the 1871-72 season, John, and the League Cup not until 1960-61 — so that easily settles that one!

The latter wasn't played "sudden-death" at Wembley until 1967, and so the very first Final was a two-legged, home-and-away job.

In it, Aston Villa beat Rotherham 3-2 on aggregate — pulling up the second-leg 3-0 at home after earlier being beaten 2-0 away.

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Orient at Wembley

I'm told Orient have played at Wembley Stadium — is this true?

JAN COVENE, ESSEX

• It certainly is, Ian — back in the days when they were known as Clapton Orient.

In the 1930-31 season, Orient's old home at Lea Bridge was temporarily banned for a short time because it didn't fulfil official ground requirements.

They had two home Third Division (South) fixtures against Brentford and Southend scheduled during this period — and obtained permission to play them at Wembley instead.

ANDY GRAY

writes for you

back, midfield, up-front . . . the likes of Peter Shilton, Kenny Burns, Archie Gemmill and Tony Woodcock had an extremely good season.



Ipswich Town's Paul Mariner (left) in action against Alan Hudson of Arsenal during last season's F.A. Cup Final.

Next term will be a big test for them. Teams will pay them even more respect and no one will be taken by surprise. Brian Clough wants to strengthen his team even more, which is a wise move. One Sunday paper even linked him with me — all I can say is that I'm very flattered.

Their inexperience of European soccer may tell in next season's European Cup, although to underestimate Forest at all is dangerous!

Villa were new to Europe last season as few of us had sampled soccer at that level before. I'm sure the ball-players such as Tony Woodcock and John Robertson will be very closely marked by the Continentals, who will want to deny the Forest forwards any room.

Forest must also be careful about pushing too many men forward at home — Europeans are very dangerous on the counter-attack.

I was one of the four representatives from the 20 asked by SHOOT who tipped Ipswich to win the F.A. Cup. However, I didn't think Town would win so convincingly.

The scoreline may read 1-0, the narrowest of victories, but anyone who saw the match must agree Ipswich were vastly superior to Arsenal.

Perhaps Arsenal were overawed

. . . maybe their approach was wrong . . . whatever, their contribution was small compared with Ipswich's and it was the East Anglians who made the Wembley Final so memorable.

I particularly liked the way Ipswich attacked so much. Paul Mariner was always dangerous and while he'll be annoyed with himself for missing one or two easy chances, the England striker created a lot of space for his team-mates. Clive Woods was magic on the wing, while in midfield young Scot John Wark showed that it can't be too long before he breaks through into the full international squad.

Overall, I found teams more willing to attack away from home last season. Sides realise simply drawing away isn't enough these days and speaking from Villa's point of view, we found it easier on opponents' grounds than at home. There was more space and almost half our points came from away matches.

The visiting team that impressed me most during 1977/78 were Liverpool. They came to Villa Park having done their homework, caught us cold and for the first 20 minutes scored three goals in a spell of controlled attacking football.

I wrote earlier in the season that I didn't think Liverpool were as good as they were in 1976/77. However, in the second-half of the campaign, with Kenny Dalglish in top form and Graeme Souness settling down, Liverpool became more like their old selves.

They deserved to retain the European Cup even though the Final against FC Bruges was disappointing. The Belgians seemed scared to me, and didn't want to attack at all.

If they had gone at Liverpool with more conviction they may have achieved more. Bruges were content to play for a draw and hope to win on penalties!

I'd say the Anfield Reds could make it a Euro hat-trick next year. The standard of the European Cup isn't quite as high as it was a few years ago and as they are exempt from the First Round, they have to win just three ties and they're in the Final again. Liverpool have had a fair bit of luck with the draw in recent years — the sort of breaks you need — and if they avoid Forest they could make it three in a row.

I say "If they avoid Forest"

because the Champions seem to be Liverpool's bogey side. Liverpool almost crushed Forest in the two League Cup Final games, yet couldn't score and therefore lost. What a tie it would be if the pair were drawn together! Or better still — what a Final!

Wingers were even more evident last season and most First Division sides operate with one man wide. Villa don't, unfortunately, because we don't have a winger of that class. There's a young coloured lad called Ivor Linton coming through, but it may be another year before we see him making a real impact. Personally, I'd love a winger providing the sort of service every striker likes.

Bob Latchford managed to score his 30 goals for Everton after all, yet I'm sure he'd be the first to thank winger Dave Thomas for so many accurate crosses.

Big Bob did ever so well to score the magical 30. I almost made it the season before last, but I was injured and it slowed me down. I think I'd scored 23 or 24 by February and I seemed certain to win the £10,000 from the Daily Express. Sadly, it wasn't to be.

In order to score those 30 goals, a player must not miss more than two or three matches. If you have to average a goal-a-game then you're really up against it.

I'd say the player must also be with a successful side, as a team struggling against relegation is likely to play more defensively.

If there's one player I'd back to score 30 next season . . . it's me! This isn't conceit — I'm just confident that I'll always score goals, as I have done so far. If I can play around 37 or 38 League games for Villa then I reckon I'll be there or thereabouts.

See you in two weeks,

Accrington?

I am a fan of English football, and have been reading about an old club called Accrington Stanley. Why are they not playing now?

CARLO GOBBATO,
ITALY

Accrington were one of the twelve original members when the Football League — the first proper League in the world — started in 1888. Carlo.

They always had something of an up-and-down existence and in 1962, while a Fourth Division club, dropped out of the Football League altogether through financial difficulties. But the club itself was re-formed six years later, and now play in the Lancashire Combination.

SHORT PASSES

Spurs have had six managers since the last War — Joe Hulme, Arthur Rowe, Jimmy Anderson, Bill Nicholson, Terry Neill, and Keith Burkinshaw.

(DAVID FLEMING, Eire)

Derby won the F.A. Cup in 1946, and were beaten Finalists in 1898, 1899, and 1903.

(MARTIN ALEXANDER, Atherton)

Aston Villa's record defeat is 8-1, by Blackburn Rovers in the F.A. Cup, back in the 1888-89 season.

(RAJU GADHIA, Tanzania)

Oxford's record gate is 22,730 — v. Preston, F.A. Cup Sixth Round, 29th February, 1964.

(KEITH PHILLIPSON, Brentwood)

The real Christian name of Manchester United's Lou Macari is Luigi.

(SALLY OSBORNE, Shropshire)

Martin Chivers played in 24 full, and 17 Under-23, internationals for England.

(IAN ROBINSON, Barnet)

'Supermac'

My friends say Malcolm Macdonald always flops at Wembley, but I reckon he once got a lot of goals in a game there. Am I right?

MICHAEL YULE,
LEICESTER

You certainly are, Michael. "Supermac" then lived up to his nickname by bagging the lot when England beat Cyprus 5-0 in a European Championship tie at Wembley on 16th April, 1975.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

RELEGATION

for Alex Stuart
(Ayr United)



The contrasting fortunes of four Scottish managers last season.



for Willie Ormond
(Hearts)

PROMOTION



Hearts' Eamonn Bannon (left) has improved after a spell in the First Division. Ayr's keeper Hugh Sproat (right) saves from Motherwell's Willie Pettigrew.



SELECTING on last season one manager admitted to irony: "I made a helluva lot of mistakes. I wish we could start again . . ."

The term brought despair and delight, agony and ecstasy, wonder and woe to the men in the hot seats. Being a team-manager can sometimes be like playing Russian Roulette with a bullet in every chamber of the gun . . . there is just no way you can win.

Scottish soccer had its share of casualties with Airdrie's Jackie Stewart, Hamilton's Eric Smith and Queen of the South's Mike Jackson among those who quit their clubs for a variety of reasons.

And then came the sensational resignation of Jock Wallace (Rangers) and appointment of Billy McNeill as manager of his old club Celtic. The former Lisbon Lion left Aberdeen to take over from his one-time boss Jock Stein, who moves up to the board-room at Parkhead.

Alex Ferguson, sacked by St. Mirren replaced McNeill at Pittodrie.

Four top bosses who live to fight another day are Alex Stuart (Ayr United), Willie Ormond (Hearts), Bertie Auld (Partick Thistle) and Tommy Gemmell (Dundee). Yet, ironically, they all had drastically different fortunes last time out.

RELEGATION was Alex Stuart's "reward" for a season of hard work and 100 per cent endeavour. Ayr United had hovered perilously above the trapdoor out of the Premier Division for two seasons, but it was to prove third time unlucky for the Somerset Park part-timers.

PROMOTION came the way of Willie Ormond as his Hearts side fought their way out of the First Division, claiming second spot behind Champions Morton.

CONSOLIDATION was the prize for Bertie Auld at Partick Thistle. Again he proved his Maryhill side had what it takes to live among the big boys and survive in the shadow of the Old Firm, Celtic and Rangers.

have the opportunity to express ourselves.

"Hearts proved it is possible to make a quick return to the Premier. That's what we will be aiming for."

At the start of last season SHOOT predicted Ayr United and Clydebank would be relegated, but, at the same time, we must admit the play of both these sides on occasions was quite enthralling.

Celtic had some difficult times against both these sides. Ayr, showing some quality soccer, beat the Parkhead men twice at Somerset Park. The first game mirrored their ability to fight back and that quality will be invaluable next term.

Joe Craig had put Celtic ahead, but within the space of a couple of second-half minutes, big Walker McCall had put the ball past Peter Latchford twice and the points were remaining at Somerset Park. Clydebank, too, beat Celtic at Kilbowie and also had a draw with them there. Not bad going at all.

While Ayr were slinging easily out of the Top Ten they were being replaced by Hearts. Willie Ormond took the gamble of a lifetime to quit as manager of the Scottish international side to take over the Tynecastle club after they had been relegated and had sacked John Hegart, who, ironically, is Ally MacLeod's assistant on the international front as well as being coach at Motherwell.

"There will be more scope to try things in the First Division. The players will gain in confidence, we should score more goals and we'll

ridiculous. Give us a chance for a start!

"I'm told we don't have enough players up to the standard of the Premier Division. Okay, there are players here who were in the side that went down, but they proved themselves last season.

"Some of the younger players have matured and they will be better players. Eamonn Bannon has come on in the First Division. I have absolutely no doubts about his capabilities.

"I haven't gone crazy in the transfer market because I didn't believe it was necessary. I'm not going to buy just for the sake of it.

"Ray Dunlop was signed from Stenhousemuir and I think he is a very able goalkeeper. I had to sign a keeper when I first arrived because Jim Cruickshank and Brian Wilson had both been freed.

"And I bought Montrose's Dave McNeill during the term because I thought we could do with his experience and power in the middle of our defence. Both Ray and Dave did well for the club. I think they were good purchases.

"What I'm looking for next season is a long run free of injuries. We had more than our fair share of them last term. They almost jeopardised our promotion chances, but, thankfully, we managed to fight our way through them."

Hearts, beaten in the League Cup Semi-Final by Celtic, had a good season, but, like Ormond says, they were severely hampered by injuries. Their play at times was spectacular with the industrious and clever Bannon the

CONSOLIDATION

for Bertie Auld
(Partick Thistle)



for Tommy
Gemmell
(Dundee)

DEJECTION



people said that, because we were a part-time side, we wouldn't be able to last the pace. We consolidated our position, settled for a middle of the League place and took it from there. After all, you need good foundations before you can build anything."

Thistle, in fact, looked destined for a place in the U.E.F.A. Cup at one stage last season. The Auld-inspired team were right up there with Rangers and Aberdeen and they strung together a very impressive list of victories.

One of the most exciting and entertaining games seen North of

Dundee (dark strip) just failed in their attempt to gain promotion from the First last season.

the border last term was Partick Thistle's 3-3 draw with Champions Rangers at Ibrox.

The match had everything: great goals, superb goalkeeping, silky skills and power play. It was the match where Thistle proved they had really "arrived". It was a game they couldn't afford to lose and, as it turned out, it was a game where

mainspring behind most of their raids.

Drew Busby brought much-needed experience to the side and youngsters such as Walter Kydd and Laurence Tierney, introduced to the side by Ormond, are bright prospects.

Ormond, who admits to being lucky if he gets "four or five hours' sleep a night" when the pressure is on, could have a couple of headaches in the new season. He will need to follow the example of Partick Thistle and consolidate a place in the Premier.

"There was no point in us coming up and going straight back down again two years ago," says Thistle boss Bertie Auld. "We had seen that happening with other clubs and we were determined not to let it happen to us.

"When we first came up a lot of

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Jim Melrose (stripes) scores Partick's second goal against Rangers during a 3-3 draw at Ibrox.



they were perhaps just a shade unlucky not to win.

After being 2-0 up they allowed Rangers to fight back and in the dying minutes Alex O'Hara, a £25,000 buy from Rangers earlier in the season, hammered in a fierce shot which swept past Stewart Kennedy, but edged just over the bar.

Now the Firhill club have proved they can live in the Top Ten their fans will be looking for more from their favourites next term. The consolidation is over... now the fans want celebrations.

While Auld's team were settling into a middle of the League place, his former Celtic team-mate Tommy Gemmell was under extreme strain. He had rebuilt his Dundee side after taking over from Davie White and the reward just had to be a ticket into the Premier.

"I can't tell you how I felt when I realised Hearts, and not us, had got the second spot," says Gemmell, who has brought the same flamboyant touch he had as a player to soccer management.

"We had given everything, but, really, we made our mistakes early

in the season. We had a bad spell, and although we came strongly at the finish, we had to be content with the third place.

"Mistakes were made and lessons were learned. We will go into the new season a lot wiser with a settled side. The Dundee fans deserve the very best and I intend giving it to them."

This will be Dundee's third season in the First Division and it is costing the club a lot of money. They will continue for another year at least with their full-time policy. It could cost them as much as £60,000, but the Dens Park directors are as ambitious as Tommy Gemmell.

Those, then, are four managers who know all about the pain, the panic, the passion and the pleasure a season can bring. Success in soccer is as easy to achieve as wandering safely through a minefield with a blindfold on.

Alex Stuart, Willie Ormond, Bertie Auld and Tommy Gemmell are ready for the challenges of a fresh season. How will their fortunes contrast at the end of the term? Only time will tell...

IN NEXT WEEK'S SHOOT

More photo action from Argentina + Interviews with two of the sensations of the tournament: Paolo Rossi of Italy and Teofilo Cubillas of Peru + Four Football League stars — Clive Woods (Ipswich), Mickey Walsh (Blackpool), John Wile (West Brom) and Tommy Hutchison (Coventry) — on the best of last season + What it's like for a professional footballer to be given a free transfer + Features on Bill Rafferty (Wolves), John Pratt (Spurs), Gordon Cowans (Aston Villa), Arfon Griffiths (Wrexham player-manager), Jim Stewart (Middlesbrough), Phil Thompson (Liverpool), and Allan Clarke and Paul Reaney, the stars of the great Leeds United side of the early Seventies who have joined Barnsley and Bradford City respectively. And a fascinating look at West Brom's close season tour of China. Colour: Peter Ward (Brighton), Andy Gray (Villa), Mike Channon (Man. City), Focus on Roy Greaves (Bolton), and colour from the World Cup Finals.

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TAKE A BREAK — IT'S — QUIZ TIME



See if you can answer the following questions about the World Cup First Round games.

1. Scotland struggled to find any rhythm during their matches against Peru and Iran, and failed to qualify for the next round. (a) Who scored the first goal of the tournament for the Scots against Peru and (b) who captained Ally MacLeod's side in the absence of Bruce Rioch, out through injury, for the Iran game?

2. The quickest goal of the opening round was scored by Argentina, Italy or France?

3. Can you name the other country in that Group?

4. After a dull 0-0 draw against Poland in the opening game, holders West Germany came good and hammered Mexico 4-0, 5-0 or 6-0?

5. Peru, Poland, Italy and Austria headed their groups after the First Round. Which country topped (a) One, (b) Two, (c) Three and (d) Four?



6. Which four other countries went through to the Second Round?

7. True or false? Scotland's Kenny Dalglish became the most capped player for his country when he made his 50th appearance v. Peru?

8. Holland's Johnny Rep, Robbie Rensenbrink (right) or Willy van der Kerkhof scored the first hat-trick of the competition?

9. Brazil manager Claudio Coutinho was sacked and then reinstated after just two games of the Finals. How did the South American country fare in those matches?

10. Two players from the same side were sent-off in one game. Can you name their country and their opponents?

11. After the First Round games, six, eight or ten penalties had been successfully scored?

12. Can you identify the famous manager (left) relaxing during the Finals — and what is so significant about the tournament for him?

13. Welsh referee Clive Thomas's (left) first game was the match between Brazil v. Sweden or Spain v. Austria?

14. He was involved in a controversial incident during this game. Did he disallow a last-gasp goal, award a penalty or deny a spot-kick?

15. Little unfancied Tunisia surprised many people when they shocked Mexico by beating them 3-1. Was the game played in Rosario or Cordoba?



ANSWERS:

15. Hosseini. With the last kick of the match, he disallowed a goal by Brazil. He scored and he retires after the Finals. 13. Brazil v. Sweden. 11. Schon and gary against Argentina. 11. Team. 12. West Germany's loss. Helmut Rensenbrink, 9-1-1 with Sweden and 0-0 with Spain. 10. For Hungary against Ireland. 8. Gary Hart against Argentina. 7. West Germany beat the record with his 56th cap against Ireland. 6-0. 5. (a) Italy, (b) Poland, (c) Austria, (d) France, (e) Germany, (f) Argentina, (g) Hungary, (h) Ireland, (i) Portugal, (j) Spain, (k) Italy, (l) France, (m) Italy, (n) Spain, (o) Italy, (p) France, (q) Spain, (r) Italy, (s) France, (t) Spain, (u) France, (v) Spain, (w) France, (x) Spain, (y) France, (z) Spain. 1. (a) Joe Jordan, (b) Archie Gemmill, (c) Joe Jordan, (d) Brian Little, (e) Alan Hart, (f) Alan Hart, (g) Alan Hart, (h) Alan Hart, (i) Alan Hart, (j) Alan Hart, (k) Alan Hart, (l) Alan Hart, (m) Alan Hart, (n) Alan Hart, (o) Alan Hart, (p) Alan Hart, (q) Alan Hart, (r) Alan Hart, (s) Alan Hart, (t) Alan Hart, (u) Alan Hart, (v) Alan Hart, (w) Alan Hart, (x) Alan Hart, (y) Alan Hart, (z) Alan Hart.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Bob Hazell. (8) Mo. (9) Eels. (11) Rare. (13) Steve. (15) United. (16) As. (18) East. (19) Ash. (21) Seats. (23) All. (25) Third. (27) Earth. (29) Eased. (31) St. (32) Posh. (34) Dr. (35) Wrist. (37) He. (38) Is. (39) Result.

DOWN:— (1) Barrett. (2) Borussia. (3) Am. (4) Zest. (5) Leeds. (6) Lev. (7) Us. (10) Lee. (12) Enters. (14) Tease. (17) Selhurst. (20) Hart. (22) Adept. (24) It. (26) Heart. (28) Ashes. (30) Do. (33) She. (34) Oil. (36) So. (39) Result.

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BOHEMIANS

BOHEMIANS, who have just won the League of Ireland title for the seventh time, are the oldest club in the Republic of Ireland having been founded in 1890.

They spent most of the years since 1890 as an amateur club only opting for part-time professionals in 1969. At the end of that first season in paid ranks they won the F.A. of Ireland Cup and have only missed qualifying for European football on two occasions since.

Sean Thomas was the manager who led them to that Cup triumph in 1970, but Bohemians really came to life with the arrival of Billy Young as manager and Mick Byrne as trainer in 1973.

They have won the League twice and the Cup and League Cup and have produced a stream of quality players who have been transferred for big fees. Gerry Ryan (Derby County), Ashley Grimes (Manchester United) and Pat and Eddie Byrne and Fran O'Brien (Philadelphia Fury) have all moved in the last 18 months.

Young's secret is his ability to sign good young players and keep them happy in the reserves until their turn comes, while Byrne is renowned as a motivator in the Tommy Cavanagh mould.

While Bohemians have undoubtedly been the team of the '70s, they have not attracted the fans, average being less than 5,000.

THE MEN IN CHARGE

Manager: W. Young. Trainer: M. Byrne. Administrative Manager: P. Dunne. President: J. McNally. Secretary: Tom Conlon.

TOP TRANSFERS

Biggest Fee Received: £55,000 for Gerry Ryan from Derby County, 1978.

Biggest Fee Paid: Approximately £5,000 for Turlough O'Connor to Dundalk, 1972.

PEN PICTURES

(L apps and Goals for 1977-78)

MICK SMYTH: Goalkeeper. Began his career with the now defunct Drumcondra. After a spell with Barrow (then in the Fourth Division) returned to Eire and Shamrock Rovers. Joined Bohs in 1970. One Eire cap. Born Dublin. Ht 6.2, Wt 13.8, Age 37, L App 30.

EAMONN GREGG: Right-back. Gained his first Eire cap against Poland recently. His attacking flair won him the Player of the Month twice last season. Born Dublin. Ht 5.7, Wt 9.12, Age 24, L app 27.

FRAN O'BRIEN: Left-back. Signed by Derby Co last season but failed medical. Subsequently joined Philadelphia Fury. Brother of Ray Notts Co. Born Dublin. Ht 5.8, Wt 10.1, Age 22, L app 22.

TOMMY KELLY: Midfielder. Joined Bohemians from Shamrock Rovers. Only clubman to have played in all fourteen of Bohs European games. Born Dublin. Ht 5.7, Wt 12.5, Age 33, L app 29, G 22.

JOE BURKE: Central-defender. Tough man at the back. 'Stony' has Amateur and League of Ireland caps. Born Dublin. Ht 6.0, Wt 13.5,



ABOVE: (from left) Fran O'Brien, Eddie Byrne and Pat Byrne are with Philadelphia Fury. LEFT: Midfielder Tommy Kelly.

Bohemians

THE 1977-78 CAMPAIGN

Bass League — Champions
F.A.I. Cup — Second Round.
League Cup — Semi-Final.

TOP LEAGUE SCORER 1977-78
24 — Turlough O'Connor

BIGGEST WIN

11-0 v St. Brendan's, Leinster Senior Cup Final, December 26, 1946.

CLUB DETAILS

Founded, 1890. Founder-members of the League of Ireland, 1921. Turned professional, 1969.

Home ground: Dalymount Park, Dublin 9. Capacity, 40,000.

Colours: Red and black jerseys, black shorts.

Nickname: The Gypsies.

HOW THEY WON THE LEAGUE

Aug.	28	Cork Alberts, h, 6-0	Jan.	1	Cork Alberts, a, 1-1
Sept.	4	Drogheda Utd, a, 1-1		8	Drogheda Utd, h, 2-0
	11	Waterford, a, 3-0		15	Waterford, h, 7-3
	18	Thurles Town, h, 0-0		22	Thurles Town, a, 0-1
	25	Galway Rovers, a, 0-0		29	Galway Rovers, h, 3-0
Oct.	2	Home Farm, h, 4-0	Feb.	5	Home Farm, a, 8-0
	9	Finn Harps, a, 0-3		26	Cork Celtic, a, 3-0
	16	Cork Celtic, h, 3-1	Mar.	5	Dundalk, h, 7-2
	23	Dundalk, a, 2-2		19	Shamrock Rvs, a, 0-0
	30	Shamrock Rvs, h, 3-0		26	Limerick, h, 0-0
Nov.	6	Limerick, a, 4-3		29	Finn Harps, h, 3-0
	13	Athlone Town, h, 0-0	Apr.	2	Athlone Town, a, 2-2
	20	Shelbourne, a, 2-1		6	Shelbourne, h, 0-0
	27	St. Patrick's A., h, 3-2		16	St. Patrick's A., a, 0-2
Dec.	4	Sligo Rovers, a, 5-1		23	Sligo Rovers, h, 2-0

EUROPEAN RECORD

1970 — Cup-Winners' Cup — Lost to Gottwaldov on 3-4 agg.
1972 — U.E.F.A. Cup — lost to F.C. Cologne on 1-5 agg.
1974 — U.E.F.A. Cup — lost to Hambrger S.V. on 0-4 agg.
1975 — Champions' Cup — lost to Glasgow Rangers on 2-5 agg.
1976 — Cup-Winners' Cup — beat F.C. Esbjerg on 3-1 agg; lost to Slask Wroclaw on 0-4 agg.
1977 — U.E.F.A. Cup — lost to Newcastle Utd. on 0-4 agg.

Former Fulham striker Turlough O'Connor is Bohemian's top goalscorer.

HONOURS

League: 1923-4, 1927-8, 1929-30, 1933-4, 1935-6, 1974-5, 1977-8.

F.A.I. Cup: 1928, 1935, 1970, 1976.

League Cup: 1975.
I.F.A. Cup: 1908.

limelight but never has a bad game. Born Dublin. Ht 5.9, Wt 10.12, Age 23, L app 29.

TURLOUGH O'CONNOR: Striker. Club-captain who had Football League experience with Fulham. The top scoring current player in the League of Ireland with 162 goals, some of which were scored at Limerick and Dundalk. Seven Eire

caps. Born Athlone. Ht 5.9, Wt 10.10, Age 30, L app 29, G 24.

EDDIE BYRNE: Midfielder. One of the trio who left for Philadelphia during the season. Joined Bohemians from Shamrock Rovers. Born Dublin. Ht 5.6, Wt 11.10, Age 25, L app 24, G 7.

JOEY SALMON: Striker. Has scored in all debuts on the way up to the first team. Born Dublin. Ht 5.6, Wt 10.6, Age 21, L app 15 and 2 sub, G 12.

AUSTIN BRADY: Left-back. Has taken over the number three in O'Brien's absence. Amateur int'l. Born Dublin. Ht 5.6, Wt 11.13, Age 25, L app 14 and 1 sub.

NIALL SHELLY: Midfielder. Long serving clubman who was unable to command a regular place last season. Born Dublin. Ht 6.0, Wt 12.9, Age 23, L app 7 and 4 sub, G 1.

TONY DIXON: Winger. Got his chance when Ryan signed for Derby Co. Born Dublin. Ht 5.8, Wt 11.00, Age 22, L app 10 and 1 sub, G 3.



Age 24, L app 27, G 4.
PÁDRAIG O'CONNOR: Midfielder. Joined the club from Athlone Town five seasons back. Has scored some spectacular goals when coming from the back. Born Athlone. Ht 5.9, Wt 12.3, Age 25, L app 30, G 4.
PAT BYRNE: Winger. Has also left for Philadelphia Fury. Exciting winger who once lost his job because of an away European game. Born Dublin. Ht 5.9, Wt 10.12, Age 23, L app 29, G 10.
JOHN McCORMACK: Midfielder. Nicknamed 'The Count' after his namesake the great Irish tenor. The type of player who is rarely in the

BOHES MUNSTER



EIRE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 1977-78

BACK ROW (left to right): Padraig O'Connor, Tommy Kelly, Joe Burke, Mick Smyth, Tony Dixon, Fran O'Brien, John McCormack.
FRONT ROW: Eamon Gregg, Eddie Byrne, Turlough O'Connor, Gerry Ryan (now Derby County), Pat Byrne, Austin Brady.

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